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POLICE MUST GET PRIORITIES RIGHT

Report by Richard Guttridge

THE decision to axe five police stations in Dudley — including Stourbridge — is a step towards the complete erosion of community policing, warn campaigners.

West Midlands Police have revealed that Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen, Kingswinford and Netherton will all be left without police stations under proposals to shut 28 bases in order to save £8.5 million.

It comes after the news that 600 Police Community Support Officers could lose their jobs

The decision to close the stations has been criticised by Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin and Halesowen and Rowley Regis Conservative MP James Morris. Margaret Scott, from the Stourbridge Township Council, said she was also appalled by the decision.

But Stourbridge MP Margot James revealed she would not be opposing a move to shut the police station on Stourbridge ring road as she saw protecting the jobs of police officers as the most important issue.

Conservative MP Miss James said: "I am not going to oppose the move but that doesn't mean to say I'm not concerned. I think it's important the police have a presence in Stourbridge.

"The reason I am not opposing the closure is because that building is vast, under-utilised and costly. It is not really designed for modern policing and not a very effective use of cash. I would rather see money invested into frontline policing."

Alternative

She added: "I would be interested to see alternative plans. I don't think it's going to close for a couple of years and if a suitable premises can be established in Stourbridge that would be ideal."

Mr Morris has launched a petition to fight the closure of Halesowen Police Station.

"West Midlands Police needs to get its priorities right," he said.

"The proposals do not make sense and I will be fighting them tooth and nail. Halesowen needs to stand together in challenging these proposals."

His petition is online and a paper version will be available at his constituency office.

Mr Austin has already campaigned against the closure of the front desk at Dudley's main police station.

The MP said: "We all know savings have to be made but these closures are a direct result of the Government's decision to hand West Midlands Police disproportionate cuts that are twice as deep as places like Surrey."

Chairman of West Midlands Police Federation Tom Cuddeford said: "The closures will take officers further away from the communities they serve."

RAPPER AND ROCKER JOIN FORCES FOR CHARITY

Rapper Lawson Smith, left, and singer Steve Heathcock, are releasing a single Stand Up For Children in aid of Children in Need

THEY may be polar opposites when it comes to their choice of music — with one favouring Elvis and the other more at home with Jay Z — but a pub singer and a rapper have joined forces to raise as much money as possible for disadvantaged children.

Steve Heathcock, from Stourbridge, has teamed up with Dudley rapper Lawson Smith, known as Soulkeeper, to create a song with proceeds being donated to Children in Need.

The unlikely duo formed after meeting at the Britain's Got Talent auditions. While neither of them did enough to impress Simon Cowell they kept in touch and decided their respective musical talents could be put to good use.

Steve, aged 48, also known as The Showman, has been singing in pubs and clubs for around 20 years and previously penned a song backing England for the 2010 World Cup.

He said: "We co-wrote it. I put the chorus together and other bits and pieces and Lawson did the rap."

The track, called Stand Up For Children, took around two months to put together and was recorded in Birmingham.

Steve said he was spurred on by his own difficulties growing up to try and help those less fortunate.

"Last year I decided I wanted to do something for Children in Need. I thought rather than just give a tenner, as an artist and singer songwriter, let's do something positive.

"My childhood was not fantastic, I was in care, so I want to be the voice of the kids who are having a tough time.

"When I was a kid we didn't have Children in Need. They are a great charity and I wanted to give something back."

DEVELOPMENT

Abbey barns to be made into homes

CONTROVERSIAL plans to convert six disused barns on a historic site into homes and a visitor centre have been approved.

Six homes will be created within the grounds of the historic scheduled monument Halesowen Abbey as part of the development, after proposals received delegated approval from Dudley Council.

Renewed plans were submitted by site owner Mrs Sue Tudor earlier this year after previous permissions expired.

Halesowen Abbey Trust still had concerns about the project although the group welcomed plans to improve a footpath.

CHARITIES

Marathon mayor plans heroic effort

THE Mayor of Dudley will be pounding the streets in a charity half-marathon dressed as Black Country Mon.

Councillor Steve Waltho will don the tights and cape as the popular local hero for the Great Birmingham Run on October 18. He will be joined by a team of runners, also dressed as Black Country Mon, for the 13-mile course in aid of his five charities.

People wanting to sponsor him can via mydonate.bt.com/charities/mayorofdudleyscharities

RETAIL

Morrisons shelve new supermarket

MORRISONS has shelved plans to build a new supermarket in Kingswinford, which would have created 300 jobs.

The supermarket giant had intended to demolish its existing store and build a replacement next door. But plans for the store in Stallings Lane have now been put on hold, the supermarket firm confirmed.

The decision comes just weeks after Morrisons announced two stores in Sandwell were among 11 earmarked for closure after revealing a slump in profits.

Morrisons was originally given permission to replace its existing store in Kingswinford in 2013.

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Sad day as Broadfield House closes

Broadfield House glass museum

AN acclaimed museum has closed its doors for the final time after more than 35 years of exhibitions and events.

Staff and artists at Broadfield House Glass Museum said it had been a 'very sad day' but were delighted so many people came along on closing day to give the site a fitting send-off.

The decision to close the museum was made as plans for a new £5 million museum of glass to be built in Wordsley gathers pace. It will be based on the White House Glass Cone site, opposite the Red House Glass Cone, in High Street.

The museum off Compton Drive, Kingswinford was well known to glass enthusiasts across the world and featured in a number of television shows. Items exhibited dated from the 17th century up to the present day.

Glass artist Allister Malcolm, who had his studio based at the museum, said Wednesday had been a day of mixed feelings.

"Obviously it was a very sad occasion having to say goodbye to Broadfield," he said. "A lot of people from the community were very sad to see it go.

"However there was also optimism as well with people looking forward to the future in the shape of the new museum.

The new museum is being funded by a £2.13m European grant and the proceeds of the sale of Broadfield House will be part of the council's contribution. Collections from Broadfield House will be mothballed at the site in the meantime.

Broadfield House was built as a farmhouse in the 18th century. In the 1800s its was transformed into an imposing three-storey residence.

Bid to create magic spell led to flat blaze

A LONELY man trying out a 'magic spell' in a bid to make new friends accidently set fire to his flat in Dudley instead.

Duane Thurstance says he was given instructions at a magic shop to set fire to a life-size cardboard cut-out of a television character.

This he later did at his flat in Broad Street on July 25 last year. The 26-year-old who has mental health issues and cerebral palsy walked out of the building and failed to tell anyone what he had done, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

When the room erupted into flames, other residents in the block of flats were forced to flee to safety outside. The property suffered £3,000 damage as a result.

Thurstance, who admitted an offence of arson reckless as to whether life was endangered at an earlier hearing, was found by police a short distance away from the scene after people in the area provided a description of him.

Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said: "He admitted that he had started the fire and told the officers he was practising witchcraft to obtain a friend. He started a fire so that an appropriate image would appear to him. That didn't happen so he left it. It was a life-size cardboard cut-out of a character from a TV series."

He told Wolverhampton Crown Court that at the time the defendant was in breach of a community order for a robbery in 2013.

Candles

Mr Stephen Cadwaladr, defending, said: "This offence arose after he was told by people who should have known better at a magic shop, that the spell would help him to meet people he could call friends.

"It consisted of setting down candles in circles and burning a small photo of somebody in a pot placed in the middle. Needless to say it was not successful. He says he only intended to singe the cardboard cut-out.

"I submit that his culpability is not very high. He is receiving effective treatment from two NHS nurses. His problem is that he is vulnerable."

Judge John Walsh sentenced Thurstance, now of Wilbraham Court, Moat Road, Walsall, to a three-year community order.

Gardeners are top of the plots

Marie Whitehouse, front, with from left, Bryan Plant, Lance Cartwright, Josie Bennett, Margaret Bytheway, June Davies, John Bennett, Sue Cartwright and Bob Bytheway

GREEN-FINGERED gardeners in the Black Country are celebrating after winning an In Bloom neighbourhood award for their community work.

Amblecote Allotments, near Stourbridge, which has 102 plots, won the level four award after judges looked at three areas of their community involvement, including with local school pupils and dementia patients.

The level four award classed the allotments as 'thriving' and was just below the level five award of 'outstanding'.

Six projects in the Black Country were among the entrants to the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' initiative, which is part of Britain in Bloom.

Marie Whitehouse, lettings secretary of the allotments, said: "It was fantastic, and everyone was extremely pleased with the result, especially considering it was our first time of entering.

"The comments we received were really positive. Some were about our facilities, as we have a good range of on site facilities.

"We do a lot of work with local people and organisations and that impressed them too."

Gardening campaigns across the region picked up Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) awards for helping clean up their communities.

Mrs Whitehouse said they aim to go one better next year to gain a prestigious level five award.

Agency bill for borough schools is nearly £5m

ALMOST £5 million was spent on agency staff at schools across Dudley in a year, figures reveal.

Schools forked out thousands of pounds on providing cover during 2014/15. Casual workers were brought into to cover sickness absences and maternity leave.

The figures, revealed under the Freedom of Information Act, did not include academies, which are run independently, but related to primary and secondary schools, special schools and nurseries.

Teaching cover cost £3.8m, while over a million spent on support staff. Expenditure can also cover full-time teachers covering other lessons or weekends.

Thorns Community College in Brierley Hill spent most on agency staff during the period, paying out £336,000. This was followed by the Priory Primary School which spent £193,000.

Other big spenders were the Pens Meadow Special School in Stourbridge, which spent £172,000, the Brier Special School in Kingswinford, which paid out £154,000, Dudley's Hillcrest Secondary School, which spent £132,000, and Colley Lane Primary School in Halesowen, £118,000. Old Park Special School in Brierley Hill spent £232,000 on other support staff, while the Coseley School paid £135,000.

Councillor Ian Cooper, boss of children's services, said: "School governors and head teachers manage their own budgets and make financial decisions in the best interests of pupils and the whole of the school."

Warning on tool thefts from vans

THIEVES have been stealing tools from vans in the Quarry Bank area prompting a police warning.

Officers claim people have been leaving windows open due to milder weather of recent weeks and have been targeted.

There have also been thefts and attempted of catalytic converters from vehicles in the area.

Police have urged people in the area to remain vigilant.

Sergeant Liz Benson, of the Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood Neighbourhood team, said: "There has been an increase in thefts from motor vehicles. This could be due to the hot weather and people leaving windows open."

She added: "This will remain a priority until the next PACT (community police meeting) meeting."

Bowling club boost for quake charity

A BOWLING club raised £300 for victims of the Nepal earthquake. Crystal Bowls Club at Stevens Park, Wollescote, staged the event on September 17 with a football theme. Organisers thanked Sainsbury's, Amblecote, Tesco and Waitrose in Stourbridge for donating prizes.

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Nearly one thousand temp jobs at council

NEARLY 1,000 staff are being employed on temporary contracts by Dudley Council.

The 978 employees hired by Dudley Council are paid on average £11.52 per hour, well above the national minimum wage of £6.50.

The majority are employed by the authority to work in schools across the borough. A total of 462 temporary staff work as either teachers or teaching assistants.

Other roles include administration assistants, library assistants, park rangers and social workers.

The authority was criticised in June when it emerged it was forking out £800 a day on employing an interim chief officer for children's services. The council has twice tried unsuccessfully to fill the post.

Necessary

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for corporate and customer services, said: "The work of the council is very varied and sometimes it is necessary to use temporary staff, such as seasonal staff who are required to work at specific times of the year, or those filling a statutory role which cannot be left vacant."

She added: "We employ temporary staff on occasions until a permanent member of staff can be found to fill the role.

"In all instances we ensure that the right person is taken on for the role to ensure we continue to provide first class services for borough residents."

Whodunnit play has a funny twist

THE audience will be kept guessing next week as an amateur dramatics society brings its murder mystery show to Kingswinford.

Murder in Play, at Kingswinford Methodist Church for four nights until Saturday, is a whodunnit with plenty of laughs. Wordsley Amateur Dramatic Society will be performing the comedy.

Director Andrew Rock said: "It is a murder mystery with some great laughs and some very over-the-top performances."

The play tells of a theatre company presenting a murder mystery in which the murder is all too real. Tickets cost £7 and can be ordered by calling (01384) 273026. It's £6 for pensioners and full-time students under 21.

Peaky Blinders in return to locations

FILMING was due to start on the new series of Brummie gangster drama Peak Blinders this week. The third series is expected to be shot on location in the Midlands again, including the Black Country Living Museum.

Edwards in pride of place at town's heart

Mayor Steve Waltho, Conor Devlin and freestyle footballer Colin Nell

HE is one of Dudley's most loved footballing heroes and now Duncan Edwards' statue has been given new prominence in the heart of the town.

Members of his family were among scores of people who attended a re-dedication ceremony last week.

The Manchester United and England star's statue has been repositioned as part of a revamp of the town centre.

It would have been Edwards' 79th birthday on October 1 and he remains a legend to many in the Black Country.

Duncan's cousin Keith, 78, at the ceremony said: "It means a lot to all of us. We come down here twice a year, on the day Duncan was born and the day he died. The whole family are so proud."

The statue has been moved across the market place to the Castle Street side as part of a £6.7 million revamp.

Coachloads

Three coachloads of Manchester United fans travelled to Dudley for the special service.

Brian Mulholland, from the Manchester United Supporters Club, said the re-dedicated statue would become a pilgrimage site for thousands of Manchester United fans.

Mr Mulholland, 65, said: "It's a credit to the town, Dudley Council and especially to Duncan's family."

A new plinth on the statue was unveiled by Mayor of Dudley Councillor Steve Waltho and Duncan's third cousin, 12-year-old Connor Devlin.

Duncan Edwards died aged 21 from injuries sustained in the 1958 Munich air disaster.

New homes proposed for health centre site

MORE than 100 homes will be built on the derelict site of a former health centre in Wordsley, under new plans.

NHS Property Services has submitted an application for 129 homes on the empty Ridge Hill Hospital site – eight years after homes were first mooted.

Most of the current buildings on the site, including the Keeling Centre and Shousters House, which are currently empty, would be demolished as part of the proposals.

But the existing Ridge Hill Centre LIFT building, Pens Meadow School and bungalows and residential accommodation for assisted living would be retained.

Councillors in Wordsley have welcomed the proposals. Councillor Derrick Hemingsley said: "I think this is excellent news. We've been waiting for something to happen here for a long time.

"The grounds have been left as a sort of wilderness. This application is positive news for the area.

"My only concern is the impact on the highways network around that area. I think this needs to be looked at by the developer. But overall I am supportive."

Plans for homes to be built at the site were first lodged back in 2007 but did not come to fruition.

In 2011, plans were backed by Dudley planners for 144 homes, relying on improvements to the junction of Brierley Hill Road and widening of the existing Ridge Hill access road. But this fell through.

Active

The application states: "In its current form the site does not contribute to the local area, landscape or open space network.

"The proposed development will re-establish an active use of the site and a new community to benefit from existing open space, which will contribute towards local provision and be better used by local residents."

When the plans were initially unveiled, NHS Property Services spokesman Jeremy Peters said: "Disposing of property that is no longer required by NHS commissioners enables reinvestment in improved NHS service."

Susan Nock with eight-week-old Ollie, who has become an internet superstar after his video was seen a million times across the globe

Puppy dog tale all over internet

A CUTE dog's tale of woe – combined with an adorable home video – has taken the internet by storm.

The 16-second clip of eight-week-old Bichon Frise, Ollie, has been viewed by more than 1.2 million people across the planet in a matter of days. The short video shows the pup enjoying having his stomach rubbed.

Owners Chris and Susan Nock, from Stourbridge, only posted the video on Facebook after being told by vets that Ollie was fighting for his life.

They were told he may not survive 48 hours — after falling ill just two days after his new owners had collected him.

A blood test revealed Ollie had E.coli and the pet has since made a full recovery.

Chris said: "I had taken the video the day we got him. He was on my lap so I gave him a little belly rub, that was it. After we put it on Sue's wall things went nuts. It had over one million views in two days."

What has helped them are the messages of support received via Facebook, where the video has been shared more than 48,500 times.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sunday market opens for business

DUDLEY Market will open on Sundays for the first time ever in the lead up to Christmas.

Bosses hope the change, which comes into effect from October 25, will 'bring life back in to the town'.

A new company called Dudley Market Traders now run the market.

It is the first scheme of its kind in the Black Country, with Dudley Council retaining ownership of the market but handing over its running to the traders.

The market currently runs six days a week.

Glamorous ball is for Beacon charity

A LEADING West Midlands IT services provider has stepped forward to ensure a charity's 140th anniversary ball is a glittering success.

Oosha Ltd, based in Broadlands, Wolverhampton, is sponsoring the Beacon event tomorrow (Fri).

The glamorous black tie 'Hollywood Ball' will be held at the Copthorne Hotel, Merry Hill, and tickets are priced at £30 per person, which includes a three-course meal and welcome drink.

More information is available at www.beaconvision.org website.

Music and food in celebrations

A MUSIC event with Caribbean food is just one of the events taking place in Dudley to celebrate Black History Month.

The theme for this year's event – which takes place this month – is past and present. Events include local history talks, free taster sessions for an ancestry website and a variety of events celebrating black history. A free music and food tasting event at Dudley Library takes place on Saturday, October 17.

Restaurant revamp for pub at Castlegate

A PUB will be transformed into a Harvester restaurant under plans which will create jobs in Dudley.

Bostin Fittle, based on Castlegate Park, near Dudley Archives and the Black Country Living Museum, has been taken over by pub group Mitchells and Butlers.

The pub will be re-branded as a Harvester with a new menu and a revamped interior.

It was among 173 sites acquired from the Orchid pub estate in 2014.

Charity choral concert

A CHARITY concert will see Wulfruna Ladies Choir joined by Coseley Male Voice Choir at St Chad's Church in Oak Street on Saturday, October 24 from 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5 with proceeds to the Leukaemia Appeal Fund for the Georgina Unit at Russells Hall Hospital.

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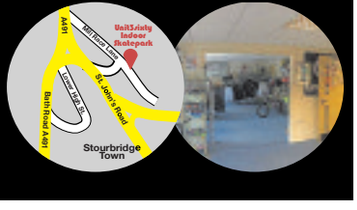

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

"WE try to ensure that there is no behaviour, language or imagery which could be considered racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic or ablest." Student Union spokesperson explaining why students at the University of East Anglia have been asked not to wear "stereotypical" sombreros handed out by a Mexican restaurant. "Who's going to be offended – Speedy Gonzales?" Unnamed student, miffed at above ruling.

MY campaign to award exclamation marks to British towns and villages is gathering pace. As I noted a few days ago, the Devon village of Westward Ho! Is the only place with one. So far your suggestions for exclamation-ennoblement include Tring! and Middle Wallop!

ANACHRONISM Abbey. More 2015 terms allegedly spoken at Downton in 1925. Walking alone is "so liberating." Having a local hospital is "a huge plus." One character has been "put through an emotional wrangle." Not to mention the repeated use of the word "pregnant" which was a medical term in those days and not used in polite chat.

MY German diesel is rated at 40 miles per gallon. God knows how much I may have been short-changed by the emissions-fiddling scandal, and how much compensation the blighters owe me. So I filled the tank, recorded the total mileage and divided it by the gallons consumed, which is the only true test of any car's fuel consumption. It does not do 40mpg. It does 41.25mpg. Do I owe them?

THE Drama Channel has replayed the entire 1995 BBC adaptation of Pride and Prejudice to mark its 20th anniversary. The big surprise is to discover online that Jennifer Ehle, the definitive English rose who played Elizabeth Bennet, was actually born in North Carolina and speaks with an American accent, y'all.

THE death toll at last week's Hajj disaster is now reckoned to be over 1,000. Saudi Arabia's most senior cleric insists that the crush was "beyond human control." Nonsense. It wouldn't have happened in Disneyland.

DAVID Cameron goes to Jamaica and local activists start demanding reparations for the slave trade. This may be the right time for us Yorkshire folk to raise the issue of the Harrowing of the North, carried out by the Normans in 1069. The whole region was laid waste and thousands were slaughtered or died of famine. If it had not been for the Harrowing I feel sure I would be living in a much bigger house, earning far more money and would not have lost my hair. Shall we say £20 million?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Call for action after raids on homes

BURGLARS are targeting homes in Pensnett with residents reporting a series of break-ins taking place during the day and at night.

Corbyns Bromley Tenants and Residents Association said the situation had got so bad many people no longer feel safe in their own homes.

They have called on police to take action to deal with the problem and claimg a promised increase in patrols around the area has failed to materialise.

The association said the most recent daytime burglary had taken place at an address in Derwent Close last week and in another they said an elderly resident had only left her home for a couple of hours and returned to find her property had been ransacked.

Residents have taken to social media, posting information on the burglaries on Facebook and warning people to be on their guard. Via Twitter they have also appealed for police to take more action.

Glass

Spokesman for the association Michelle Morgan said: "Recently there has been at least two burglaries a week in the area and this has been ongoing for around six weeks. In a lot of the cases panes of glass are being removed from windows allowing the burglars to get inside the properties.

"Understandably people are very concerned. It has reached the point now where people do not feel safe in their own homes"

Police said that man had been arrested after an attempted break-in in Mayflower Drive on September 28.

Bedroom tax benefit cut causes debt misery

by Richard Guttridge

MORE than half of the thousands of people in Dudley borough who have been hit by the so-called bedroom tax are currently in rent arrears.

Around 2,300 people in Dudley have seen their benefits cut under the policy introduced by the Coalition Government two years ago.

People living in housing association or council homes with spare bedrooms lost benefits as their properties were 'under-occupied'.

Ministers said the policy was introduced to help free up housing stock for larger families but opponents have slammed it as a draconian measure which is hitting some of the most vulnerable people.

Figures released by Dudley Council revealed there are currently 2,366 people whose benefits have been cut because they have at least one spare bedroom, with 1,299 of these in rent arrears.

The authority has been working to help some of those affected move to smaller accommodation, with 273 having secured new homes between April 2013 and March 2015.

Housing benefit was reduced by 14 per cent for households with one spare bedroom and a quarter for two.

The National Housing Federation has said the bedroom tax is 'heaping misery and hardship' on families who were already struggling.

Survey

A survey produced by the group last year claimed one in seven families who have been affected were facing eviction.

Former Dudley Council leader David Sparks, for Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood, said it was 'inevitable' that people would struggle when the measure was introduced.

The Labour councillor said: "The bedroom tax is a misguided and unjust tax and it is no wonder the whole thing is in a mess. The sooner it is abolished the better."

Grateful Thomas can play it again

Recovery — now 14-year-old Thomas Saddle has returned to his love of music

A MUSICAL teenager has made a dramatic recovery from a condition that left him feeling like 'a hunchback' and forced him to stop playing his instruments for months.

Thomas Saddle, aged 14, from Halesowen, was diagnosed with hyper-kyphosis, which causes the spine to curve forwards excessively. If untreated, it can lead to fatal heart and lung problems.

The youngsterfrom Cherry Orchard Avenue is a keen cellist and saxophonist, but had to refrain from playing both while he attempted to resolve his health problem. He spent 12 months on an NHS waiting list before seeing a consultant.

Thomas and his family were told spinal fusion surgery was his only option but this involved major risks and a long recovery.

His worried parents Claire and Mike decided to search for other options and discovered a clinic in London, Scoliosis SOS, who gave Thomas an exercise regime which has led to a dramatic improvement.

Thomas said: "There are not any words to describe how grateful I am. I no longer look like I am tilted forward. I feel like a normal teenager again, not some hunchback boy.

"If I hadn't had the treatment I would have been facing surgery and be looking at spending the next six months practically bedbound.

Now Thomas has returned to his beloved music.

He added: "I can forget all my worries when playing music, without it I just felt lost."

Chiefs are criticised on figures for OAPs' falls

HEALTH chiefs in Dudley have been criticised for failing to cut the number of falls which result in people being admitted to Accident & Emergency.

At 2,500, Dudley has the highest rate of falls per 100,000 people aged 65 or over, compared to other councils in the West Midlands.

Officials say that Dudley's performance on falls prevention remains 'poor' in a report to Dudley Council's people service's scrutiny committee.

A new strategy is being proposed to tackle the issue, including encouraging people to improve their bone health from an early age through physical activity and healthy eating, to early detection of those people at risk of falling and the provision of support.

Approach

Councillor Rachel Harris, who oversees public health matters in the borough, said: "We owe it to the people of Dudley to make sure that the approach we are taking in helping to prevent falls is the right one.

"The development of a system-wide approach to falls prevention — starting from encouraging the whole population to improve their bone health from early age, through physical activity and healthy eating, to early detection of people at risk of falling and enabling them access to appropriate interventions in a timely way, across all providers and partners — is clearly the way forward and makes absolute sense."

Hippodrome may still be rescued

DUDLEY Hippodrome could still be saved from demoliton after six groups expressed an interest in redeveloping it.

Parties wanting to take over the derelict theatre, last used as a bingo hall six years ago, had until this week to tell planners they were interested.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for planning and economic development, said the authority was not yet sure if the schemes were viable. Councillor Ahmed added: "We will continue to work with these groups to see how viable and deliverable their business plans are and we will be making a decision on this building once and for all by the end of the year."

A previous plan involving the Rok Group fell through.

Brewery plans German style beer festival

A BREWERY is holding a German style beer festival.

The three-day Oktoberfest is taking place at Green Duck Brewery's Badelynge Bar in Rufford Road runs from October 22 to 24.

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Bosses give pledge on hospital transport

HEALTH bosses vowed to ensure guidelines are followed for elderly patients after complaints over a hospital transport service in Dudley.

Patient-care firm NSL took over the service at Russells Hall Hospital in April, from previous provider Ambuline. But several patients claimed they were told they could no longer receive free transport as they were in receipt of mobility allowance.

The firm has since overturned the decision after holding discussions with a disability support group, Stourbridge MP Margot James and Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Access in Dudley, which champions the rights of disabled people, said NSL had been enforcing criteria that had never been enforced before. Dudley CCG said the 'criteria and call handler process' had been reviewed to ensure people were not being unfairly turned away. Dudley CCG chief executive Paul Maubach said: "There are clearly set out national guidelines which should be followed."

NSL spokesman Luke Allen said: "Following discussions with the CCG and Access in Dudley we have now improved our booking process. We do still ask the mobility allowance question, however, this is to ensure we correctly assess the patient's needs and does not influence the decision to provide transport."

Miss James said: "I am most impressed with how receptive the CCG and NSL have been. It does look firm now that people who are entitled to assistance will be getting it again."

Gas leak blaze quickly put out

FIRE crews were called to a house blaze in Wollaston sparked by a leaking gas valve.

The fire centred on a electric meter in the basement of the High Park Avenue house.

Fire crews from Stourbridge and Brierley Hill attended the incident.

A West Midlands Fire Service spokesman said: "It was a small fire involving a electric meter in the basement of a two-storey house. The fire was put out on arrival."

He added: "A gas leak was detected in the premises and the gas was isolated and the premises were ventilated.

"We had two fire fighters wearing breathing apparatus and a gas detection monitor was also in use."

Cannabis plant find prompts three arrests

MORE than 150 cannabis plants have been found growing at a property in Lye.

Three people were arrested after police raided the building in Enterprise Drive on Thursday evening.

£250k church overhaul gets green light

St Thomas and St Luke (Top Church)

A £250,000 overhaul of Dudley's Top Church has been given the go-ahead, ensuring the historic site can be preserved for generations to come.

The work, partially funded by Heritage Lottery cash, is set to take place next year and will be carried out in three phases at the Grade-II listed St Thomas and St Luke Church, in High Street.

As part of the project, walkways and ladders will be installed on the roof, glass panels added to the main doors and one of the site's 11 windows restored.

Church leaders said the improvements were crucial in ensuring the building could be properly maintained in the future.

Dudley Council has approved the scheme and cash from the Heritage Lottery Fund is set to be finalised in December. The fund has agreed in principle to provide £169,000 towards the project.

Members of the church will be making bids to other funding groups to secure further cash towards the project.

They said ladders and walkways were desperately needed on the roof, which cannot be safely accessed at the moment, which means scaffolding has to be put up around the entire building if work is required.

The church is one of the three earliest in the country to use cast-iron in its construction, including the window frames. But the metal in the frames has started to oxidise, posing a risk to stonework, and needs to be cleaned and restored.

The window will be totally removed so the work can be carried out, and if effective could be extended to the other 10 windows.

Children's centres may host health services

EXTRA services will be moved into children's centres across Dudley, as part of a shake-up in the borough.

The changes are coming about because the responsibility for commissioning public health services for children has transferred from NHS England to local authorities.

A report presented to the Dudley Council's People's Service committee sets out options to improve the integration of services. Among the proposals is locating midwifery services, health visitors and family support workers in children's centres.

A weekly multi-agency safeguarding group is also proposed to discuss new ways to improve early intervention and ensure referrals into children's social care services are appropriate.

Moving the registration of new births to children centres will also be explored to increase the numbers of vulnerable families accessing other available services.

The report states the advantage of the council taking over responsibilities is that it has the potential to provide a more cost-effective service built around individual needs.

Benefit

Deborah Harkins, chief officer for health and well-being at Dudley Council, said: "The benefit of bringing these services together is to provide an integrated service with a single point of access for children and families.

"There is a slight variance in roles between different providers in supporting children and families, so this transfer will enable them to work more closely together around families' needs. Pilot sites are still to be decided.

"The new weekly safeguarding group will allow our frontline professionals an opportunity to share intelligence around safeguarding issues and fulfil their duty to contribute as part of a multi-agency approach.

"Birth registration at a locality level enables new parents to be known to the locality team, who can introduce them to local centres and services they can access."

She added: "This development is in the very early stages of consideration.

"We will consult local communities if it is felt there is merit in these proposals before taking any final decision on how this provision will be shaped."

Stars show they have wow factor

TV stars Jake Quickenden and Stephanie Pratt meet fans during Intu Merry Hill's special student night

FORMER X Factor singer turned I'm A Celebrity star Jake Quickenden and reality TV star Stephanie Pratt wowed the crowds at a special students' night at Merry Hill shopping centre.

The famous pair were guests of honour as Intu Merry Hill centre held its annual student night offering discounts at the shopping complex.

They appeared on stage and took part in a game where they were joined by members of the crowd to try and remember the lyrics of songs.

Jake, who won an army of fans during last year's X Factor and I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here, was mobbed with requests for pictures and autographs. He was mentored by Mel B in the star-making show before entering the celebrity jungle and finishing as runner-up to superbiker Carl Fogarty.

He was happy with the reaction he received, saying: "They were all lovely, it was really nice. I have been to Birmingham quite a few times, it is the first time in Dudley but it won't be the last."

Glamorous Stephanie was due to be accompanied by fellow Made In Chelsea star Jamie Laing but he was unable to make it.

Charlotte Hall, aged 17 from Stourbridge, who met Jake, said: "I am speechless, he is beautiful."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Meeting to discuss blood disorder ITP

A MEETING will be held at a Dudley church to offer advice about a rare blood disorder.

People are invited to discuss their experiences with the blood disorder Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), which affects the immune system and impedes blood clotting.

The event will be taking place at the Zoar Methodist Church on Abbey Road, in Lower Gornal, on Saturday from 7pm to 8.30pm.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information contact Hannah Taylor on 07775433314.

Memory tree is to help charities

A MEMORY tree event will be held in aid of charity. Organised by Wombourne Funeral Services, the event will be held on October 23 and 24, raising money for Midlands Air Ambulance and Wombourne Volunteer Bureau.

The family business raises money for charities every year.

This year's memory tree event will be opened by Wolves legend Derek Parkin on the Friday and Nick Owen of Midlands Today on the Saturday at 9.30am at 124 Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne. For details call 01902 892635.

Ultimate cafe has created 15 jobs

A CAFE has opened its second UK outlet in Dudley, creating 15 jobs. Ultimate Cafe is within leisure store Ultimate Outdoors at Merry Hill.

The cafe, in partnership with The Interesting Eating Company, has quirky offerings including speciality pancakes. Director Andrea Edwards, said: "Having opened the original Ultimate Cafe (in Preston) almost one year ago, it's fantastic to see how far we have come in a relatively short space of time."

Spooky spectacular at the safari park

ILLUMINATED dinosaurs, spooky scarecrows and plenty of pumpkins will greet visitors to West Midland Safari Park in the run up to Halloween.

The attraction has launched its Spooky Spectacular with ghoulish goings-on and special sea lion show.

More than 100 scarecrows and 1,700 pumpkins are used in the event until November 1. Opening will be extended until 9pm on weekends and during October half term. Animal reserves close at 4pm. See www.wmsp.co.uk

War games in library

THE Friends of Sedgley Library have arranged a war gaming demonstration in the library on Saturday, October 10 from 4pm.

People will have a chance to try out table-top battling featuring an ancient Greeks versus Romans demonstration at the library off Ladies Walk.

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It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Slogan was plumbing the depths for rugby

I KNOW nothing about rugby, and to be frank I find the oval-ball game about as interesting as a box set of Downton Abbey.

But the England team went into this World Cup under the slogan "let's get the job done."

That's not a battle cry, it's an advert for a plumbers' merchant. No wonder they were ballcocks.

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MAYBE the story about the Government allowing police forces to use devious, covert methods to snare speeding drivers, and then changing its mind following tabloid intervention, should be treated with a degree of scepticism.

But what says so much about Britain today is the explanation given by the Government for dropping the code of practice which said cameras only be bright yellow and only located at accident blackspot. "A Department for Transport spokesman said the 2007 rules were out of date," said the report.

Oh yes, out of date. That time-honoured, catch-all phrase for everyone with no other justification for their actions. Aside from the fact that the guidelines were introduced only eight years ago, since when has transport legislation been about the whims of fashion?

There are lots of things about our judicial systems that are out of date. Judges wearing wigs, Lords wearing ermine. Titles like Lord Chancellor and Mr Justice Smith. By and large they are harmless, and if anything maybe give a bit of gravitas to the proceedings.

But rules saying that speed cameras should be sensibly located and not hidden from view? Surely that's just fair play and common sense.

If the guidelines do need updating, how about adding a requirement that every camera should be clearly marked with what the actual speed limit is? I know at this point the pedants will point out that in the absence of a sign to the contrary national speed limits apply, which means 30 in a built-up-area, 60 on a single carriageway, and 70 on a double. But why not make it easy? They do want people to stick to the limits, don't they?

Meanwhile, it was revealed at the weekend the closure of 28 police stations around West Midlands. We all know cash is short and cuts have to be made, but how can it be right leaving a town the size of Dudley without a police station, and then spending money on hidden speed traps? Maybe they think police stations are out of date as well.

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THEN again, there are some things about life today I find difficult to get my head around.

Like how is it that the most popular programme on television today is about a bunch of people baking cakes?

Sam strokes a cheetah while working at Dudley Zoo in 1962

Thank you gifts – one of the paintings created for Dudley Zoo

Sam's father would tell him stories about leopards

Artist's inspiration fired by time at zoo

Zoo keeper sacked because of too much time spent drawing animals says thanks for career. **HEATHER LARGE** reports

GROWING up listening to stories about leopards prowling the jungle inspired Rama Samaraweera to become a keeper at Dudley Zoo.

But this love for big cats also got the self-taught artist the sack from the Castle Hill attraction – because he spent more time sketching the animals than on his zoo duties.

Now aged 89, he has created three original oil paintings for the zoo to say thank you for being his 'art school' and also to make amends for 'not being the best ever zoo keeper'.

Birmingham-born Mr Samaraweera, known as Sam, began working at the attraction in 1962, and before getting the elbow became fond of many of the animal residents, who he loved to study and draw.

Encouraged

His love of animals came from his father, a doctor and surgeon from Ceylon, now known as Sri Lanka, who told him stories about the wild animals and encouraged his art.

He said: "As a four-year-old I drew tigers and other animals and was always encouraged by my father.

"Dad trained in the UK and worked as a GP in Birmingham, where I was born. He told me stories of leopards and elephants in the jungle and told me I was an artist and not a doctor.

"Forty years later I became a self-employed artist, having learned to understand the big cats and other animals whilst working as a zoo keeper at Dudley Zoo.

"I was soon sacked for spending too much time drawing and studying the animals. This was my only art school."

Mr Samaraweera said he grew a particular soft spot for some of the animals during his time at the attraction. He added: "I fell in love with Grace the giraffe, who took a banana from my coat pocket each day with her long tongue.

"I used to walk the cheetahs round the zoo, which always caused excitement, and much amusement when one lay down and would not be budged. It often took two keepers just to move it!"

After leaving the zoo his art career took off, leading him to exhibit at the Royal Academy, The Society of Wood Engravers, The Graphic Society, The Society of Wildlife Artists and The Pastel Society. In the 1970s his 'Clouded Leopard' picture was the biggest-selling print in America.

He said: "After training as a teacher, my wife Sue and I went to teach in Jamaica and I lectured in art and English literature.

"Later my publisher and great friend, the late John Solomon, gave me my first London exhibition, which sold out. John then published several prints during the 1970s and my painting of a clouded leopard became the best-selling print in America.

"The house we now live in is called Solomon House, after John Solomon, and the royalties from the leopard print and many others paid for our home.

"John told me I must paint for love and never money – and I never forgot this sound advice. Like most artists, I am very driven and have to go to my studio every day."

Mr Samaraweera, who now lives in South Wales, wanted to thank the zoo for inspiring his career as an artist, which has spanned five decades.

His nephew Phil Brooks, who is head of photography at Dudley College, delivered the artworks to the zoo.

Professional

"The three pictures are to say thank you to Dudley Zoo for inspiring uncle Sam and also to try and make amends for him not being the best ever zoo keeper.

"He's been a professional wildlife painter for the last 50 years and to this day credits Dudley Zoo as the catalyst for his career. Uncle Sam was only at the zoo for a year but he did love the animals, especially the big cats.

"His doctor says it's the painting which keeps uncle Sam young because he gets so deeply lost in his work that it puts him into a meditative state."

Zoo director Derek Grove said: "We are so grateful to Sam for giving us these incredible pieces of art. "I'm glad he's enjoyed such a rewarding career in art after leaving zoo keeping behind and we'll definitely make sure the paintings take pride of place at Dudley Zoo."

Former zoo keeper Rama Samaraweera with his oil paintings of animals

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Drones — execution without trial

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Predator drones, like all machines, lack the human qualities of judgment, mercy, and compassion and their operators are in no danger, hidden away in a warm and comfy RAF bunker.

What has happened to the Geneva Convention? Britain once led the world in democracy, Magna Carta, joining NATO, the UN, and European Human Rights Convention. Now we see a British Prime Minister ordering the death of people with no trial.

Anonymous killer drone operators never answer the consequences for their actions. Mr Cameron ordered the execution, but his henchmen or women are never named and shamed. Will we ever have drone executions on British soil?

G E FANTHOM
Swindon Village

Cameron is right on migrants

TIM Farron has condemned the Government for their stance on the Syrian refugee crisis, but the Liberal Democrat leader and Labour party supporters must realise we just cannot take in endless amounts of migrants that we are unable to cope with.

Estimates suggest that with current birth rates, the UK's population will rise by a projected 20 million in the next 30 years.

This rise in our population is already putting immense strain on our public services, school places, hospitals, now the Government want a million houses built over the next few years, if they can find the space.

So I think David Cameron is right to restrict the number of Syrian refugees coming to Britain to 20,000 over a five-year period, while at the same time giving generous financial support to refugee camps in the Middle East, which in turn could deter people from making life threatening efforts to gain entry into Europe.

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Private care sector is facing a crisis

CURRENTLY across the West Midlands some 26,300 people are looked after in residential care and a similar number receive care packages in their homes.

The majority of that care is from private providers, who, according to regional figures released by Skills for Care – the development body for adult social care in England – employ a staggering 125,000 carers.

It's an immense workforce and sadly, like no time ever before, is under threat.

Care businesses in this part of the country rely heavily on local authorities purchasing beds as a primary income generator.

Revised regulatory governance, government austerity measures, the Chancellor's living wage legislation and councils paying fees for the last nine years that have not tracked the real cost of care, now result in homes on the verge of closure.

Occupancy across the region is running at 97 per cent. When our homes fail, where will we put those who are displaced? We have been creative and made savings to the point where there are none left to make without compromising Commission regulation.

We are appealing for MPs, councillors, local authority officers and Clinical Commissioning Groups to join with us to find a way ahead.

DEBBIE LE QUESNE
West Midland
Care Association

Rules will go up in smoke

HOW can the new law on smoking be policed? The law now says that, it is illegal to smoke in a car with a person under the age of 18 in the vehicle. Not only has the perpetrator got to be seen by a police officer, apart from being in a child's seat, how will a PC know if the passenger is under the age?

What if the driver is under 18 and smoking?

Every day drivers can be seen using mobile phones, speeding, driving through traffic lights on red, parking on zigzag lines at pedestrian crossings. How many are caught by the law?

The chances of them being caught in the future are probably even less than you thought.

There are not enough police to turn out for break-ins, and it will get worse, just ask any police officer.

N D CADDICK
Coseley

Appointment admin snag

YOUR article regarding missed NHS appointments made no reference to the amount of appointments missed through lack of appropriate administration.

I was referred by my GP and the letter notifying me of the appointment was dated and actually post marked a further seven days after that! I was lucky that the actual appointment was a further month down the line. The often forgotten administrators are an important link and should not be the first to go in any cost-cutting exercises.

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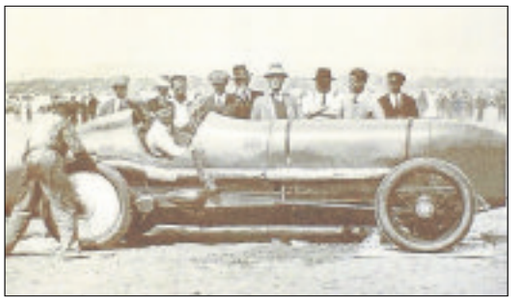

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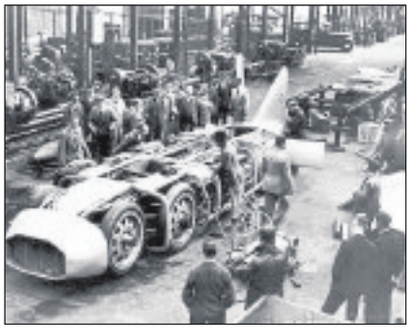

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The 1000hp Sunbeam, first car over 200 mph

Producing records at a rate of knots

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

STAFFORDSHIRE may well be the greatest county in the world for producing Land Speed Record breaking cars.

The chief engineer at the Sunbeam Motor Car Co in Wolverhampton, Louis Coatalen, was a great advocate of racing, and it was his post-First World War racing car usually called the Sunbeam 350 hp which first broke the World Land Speed Record (LSR).

It was powered by a version of a V12 Sunbeam Manitou aero engine, and after the famous pilot Harry Hawker had crashed it at Brooklands, Malcolm Campbell took it to the Saltburn Speed Trials and set a world record time of 138.08 mph, which was not ratified because only stop watches were used for timing.

Boulton & Paul of Norwich then tested it in their wind tunnel and improved its aerodynamics with a new cowl and streamlined tail. Campbell took it to Pendine Sands in September 1924, and set an official LSR of 146.16 mph. The following year he went back, and increased his record to 150.87 mph, the first car in the world to exceed 150mph.

Recently Campbell's grandson drove the newly restored 350 hp Sunbeam on Pendine, though at a more sedate pace.

In March 1926 Henry Seagrave, one of the other great names in speed record attempts, took the brand new Sunbeam Tiger racing car to Southport sands and raised the record to 152.33 mph.

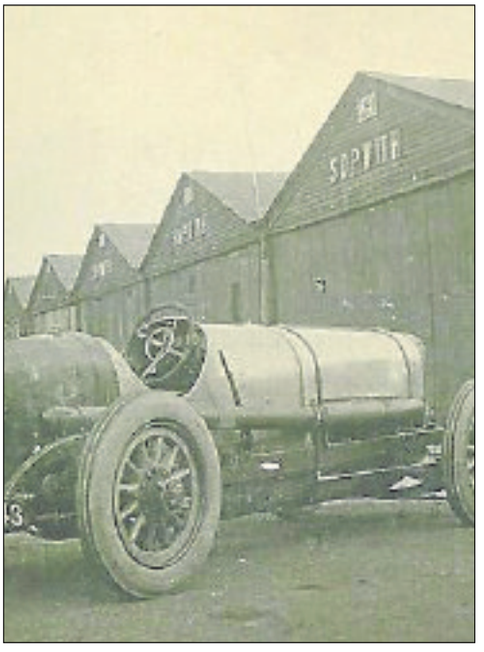
This car, which had the smallest engine ever to hold the LSR, still exists in Utah, where it was driven at 159 mph in 1990.

Next, Coatalen produced a purpose-built LSR car for Henry Seagrave to attempt to break the 200 mph barrier for the first time. Fitted with two 450 hp Sunbeam Matablele aero-engines, the 1000hp Sunbeam, aka Slug, achieved 203.79 mph on Daytona Beach in March 1927.

The baton was now passed to Coseley, where Bean Cars built the Thunderbolt for George Eyston, powered by two 36.7 litre Rolls-Royce V12 engines.

With this car Eyston took the record at Bonneville Salt Flats, in November 1937 with a speed of 311.49 mph. The LSR changed hands several times over the next few months, with John Cobb in competition with Eyston, who raised it to 345.49 mph in August 1938, and finally 357.50 mph in September.

Staffordshire returned to the world of speed records in 2006, when Uttoxeter's JCB sent their specially commissioned JCB DieselMax, powered by two turbo-charged JCB diesel engines to Bonneville, and broke the LSR for diesel powered-cars at 328.77 mph.



The 350hp Sunbeam at Brooklands before streamlining

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Bully send off for 420 village charity runners

HUNDREDS of runners were under Steve Bull's starting orders as record numbers took part in the annual Kinver and Enville 'two villages' 10k.

A total of 420 people took part on Sunday at Enville Hall, a new venue for the event in aid of Dudley charity Action Heart.

The run, over 10k and a family-friendly 2k course, is organised by Rotarians and was celebrating its tenth year.

All money raised by the participants is donated to Action Heart, with all costs covered by event sponsor BodyKraft.

BBC Midlands Today presenter Nick Owen was on hand to start the 2k runners before the Wolves legend took over for the main event.

Selfie

Roy Sanders, President of Kinver Rotary Club, said: "Steve was great with us. Really, he is just like your best mate.

"Anyone who wanted a selfie there was absolutely no problem. He was very approachable."

The run has previously started from Potter's Cross but organisers arranged a switch this year to Enville Hall, a working estate near Kinver that is still a family home.

The extra open space allowed the rotary club to bring in a bouncy castle and entertainment for children.

Graham Wildgoose, aged 52, from Wordsley, was among 18 runners taking part from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club.

"It was the first time I have done the event and I can tell you that is a real tough run," he said.

"As a club we did really well. Our man Ben Foster won the whole race."

Wolves legend Steve Bull starts the Kinver 10k race at Enville Hall, near Kinver

Richard Homer with sisters Anna and Lucy Hingley and Dave Stewart of Stourbridge

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Everyone gets what no one voted for

DANIEL WAINWRIGHT
Political Editor

THE kingdom of Mercia rising up to challenge the expansionist West Midlands Combined Authority has a certain romance to it.

Of course it's really rather more bureaucratic than that.

The counties of Staffordshire and Shropshire don't see themselves as part of what is commonly known as the West Midlands. or do they want to be left behind to become a leafy meat in the sandwich of a Northern Powerhouse and a Midlands Engine.

The rural counties are facing the same dilemma that the Black Country and Birmingham had a year ago.

If they do not throw their lot in with someone, they risk losing out on investment and powers to the likes of Greater Manchester.

Pride

But they also have their own pride and their own identities. Similarly, they have their own separate issues.

Staffordshire is not Birmingham, even if many people in some parts of it happen to work in the second city.

So the suggestion by MPs Gavin Williamson, Jeremy Lefroy and Karen Bradley is for Staffordshire, Shropshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire to join forces in a 'Mercian economic partnership'.

Mercia is a much nicer name than West Midlands Combined Authority, or WMCA, which seems to be racing ahead, if the leaked document about its bid for devolved powers is anything to go by. No-one connected with the WMCA is allowed to talk about what is meant to be a work in progress.

Would George Osborne go for the nationalisation of the M6 Toll?

For a start, until this document came to light there was no firm plan to accept an elected mayor.

Now we find the first citizen of the West Midlands is not only very much on the cards but also set to have the power to levy council tax. And there's an ambitious bid for millions of pounds of taxpayers' money to make the M6 Toll free to use.

It might well put paid to any suggestions of reviving the Western Orbital Route. But would the Chancellor go for it? Nationalising a private company doesn't sound particularly Tory. Yet if it's in the powers of a democratically elected regional mayor, George Osborne can wash his hands of the whole thing. Another thing we have learned is that Telford and Wrekin wants in to the WMCA, following Cannock Chase and Tamworth.

The three won't be full members, but rather 'non-constituent' ones. What that means is a seat at the table and voting rights, but no involvement in the devolution deal. That leaves them free to sign up to the Staffordshire MPs' grand Mercia plan as well.

It's all starting to get a little messy.

There's also still the issue of a small but vocal group of people who feel rather cheated that they will not get a referendum on the matter.

And there's the rub on devolution. It's all meant to be about democracy and putting power in the hands of the people. But as things stand, everyone's going to get what no-one voted for.

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'I blubbed like a baby but I'm still standing'

A PROUD son has created a touching video revealing how his father defied medics who told him he had just one year to live.

Adrian Webb was diagnosed with skin cancer in September 2012 after his wife Michelle noticed a mole on his back had changed colour.

In the video Adrian's son Josh,a 22-year-old deputy manager at Aldi, holds up cards explaining that the cancer spread to his father's lungs, spleen, liver, bowel and spine.

Doctors gave him a year to live, but he has beat the odds and has now pledged to raise £25,000 for Cancer Research UK to help others.

It initially gives the impression Adrian didn't make his 50th birthday this year, but the final clips show Adrian walking into shot with a card reading 'Thanks to research – I'm still standing' and he hugs his wife and 19-year-old daughter Amelia.

The music distribution manager from Netherton credits trial drugs for keeping him alive so far.

He said: "The consultant said I might have as little as 12 months left. I blubbed like a two-year-old because I thought it was all over.

"Once I'd stopped blubbing I said OK what can you do for me? That's when they said that there might be a trial drug option."

So far Adrian has been given three drugs and been told his cancer has shrunk to a trace. He added: "I'm a very positive person. I have to see my daughter get a degree, I have to see both my children get married."

The Stand Up To Cancer fundraising initiative were so impressed with the film they have showcased it on their Facebook page, where it has been viewed more than 5,000 views.

Still standing — Adrian Webb with son Josh, 22, whose video celebrated his determination to survive

Volunteers needed for diabetes support

DIABETES UK is looking for people in Dudley with Type 2 diabetes who are interested in helping to support others who also have the condition.

The charity is pioneering a new service called Type 2 Together, which will connect people who have Type 2 diabetes in local surroundings. Diabetes UK is seeking to recruit and train volunteers with Type 2 diabetes in Dudley to lead these relaxed, informal group sessions.

Peter Shorrick, Midlands Regional Manager for Diabetes UK, said: "We know that people with Type 2 diabetes can often feel worried or unsure about how best to manage their condition. The new service is all about helping people meet others who also have the condition, and supporting them to learn more about how to manage their diabetes better."

Would-be volunteers will need to be able to commit to a day of training and a few hours of volunteering each month. Diabetes UK will provide practical tools and a specialist educator to help support them.

To find out about volunteering, or to register, call 0345 123 2399 or email Type2Together@diabetes.org.uk

Motorway upgrade plans are 're-heated'

A £1.8 billion package of motorway improvements has been branded as 're-heating' old plans announced multiple times over the past five years.

Highways England unveiled 10 projects to cut congestion and improve journeys in the West Midlands at an even in Birmingham.

The schemes include:

Building the M54/M6/M6 Toll link road —first announced in 2003, revived in 2010 and funding committed in 2013.

Constructing two new bridges at junction 10 of the M6 at Walsall to widen the roundabout and create four lanes — announced in July last year by Chancellor George Osborne.

Upgrading the M6 junctions 13-15 from Stafford to Stoke to four lane 'smart motorways' with variable speed limits — first revealed in summer 2013.

M5 improvements between junctions 5 and 7 — announced in December.

Highways England regional director, Tim Harbot said: "These new schemes will bring huge improvements to journeys around the Midlands.

John Spellar MP - astonished

Record

"The Government has committed record funding to specific transport projects here so the Midlands can act as a transport hub for the entire country.

"As Highways England, we're delivering that investment to help to unlock billions for the economy by increasing road capacity, improving the flow of traffic and improving safety and accessibility for all road users."

But Warley MP John Spellar was critical, saying many of the schemes had been announced at least three times in the past year.

He said: "I am absolutely astonished that the transport department and their companies are continuing to re-heat existing proposals and give the impression that they are new.

"Good hardy folk in the Black Country and West Midlands will not be fooled by this. We want less talk and more action. When will they learn?"

A Highways England spokesman said it was the first time the company, which has replaced the Highways Agency in April, had discussed details of the plans.

Officials met with suppliers to set out how the money will be spent to improve the roads.

In total, £600 million will be spent on maintenance, including £160m to resurface more than 900 miles of carriageway, £225m for repairing and renewing structures like bridges and viaducts, and £60m to improve vehicle barriers by 2020.

Bosses said they are yet to choose what route the M54/M6/M6 Toll link road will take.

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Guest digs in for talk about bulbs

Clent Gardening Club

AT the beginning of September the club held the Annual Clent Flower Show in conjunction with Clent WI and there was a splendid array of flowers and produce on display from club members and guests.

The WI members were not to be outdone with their own displays of cakes, preserves and crafts. A large number of parishioners and guests enjoyed the displays and next year it is hoped to hold a bumper show as it will be the show's 70th anniversary.

The club's monthly meeting in September welcomed guest speaker Dr John Page to give a talk on introducing bulbs. His talk was illustrated with a splendid array of photographs of bulbs flowering throughout the year both in the UK and beyond.

He gave advice on the cultivation and care of bulbs with different varieties requiring different levels of care and attention which was attentively received by his audience.

At the end of the meeting the chairman announced the results of the monthly competitions and reminded members that the next monthly meeting is on Friday October 23 when Ingrid Millington will give a seasonal talk entitled Autumn in the Garden.

Meetings which are held at Clent Village Hall on the fourth Friday each month. Visit https://clentgardening-club.wordpress.com or call chairman Martin Grange 01562 883009 or 07917 184762 for more details.

Evening not to be missed for villagers

Relating history of Lunar Society

Amblecote History Society

THE next meeting of the Amblecote History Society will take place on Wednesday, October 14, starting at 7.30pm in the Furnace Theatre at The Ruskin Centre in Amblecote.

The speaker will be Andrew Lound who will relate the story of one of the most influential groups in the 18th century, the Lunar Society, whose interests in astronomy based on new research has revealed some surprising facts.

Andrew presents his Odyssey dramatic presentation about the astronomical work of James Watt, Matthew Boulton & Joseph Priestley – a dramatic presentation, beautifully illustrated and accompanied by music and presented with 18th century flair! Not to be missed, so arrive early to get a good seat in the larger theatre at The Ruskin Centre.

Visitors are always most welcome at a small admission charge of £2 on the door.

The society meets on every second Wednesday of the month and enjoys a varied programme with outdoor meetings during the summer months.

To learn more about the society and the remainder of the 2015 meeting programme as well as to access many interesting articles and photographs of the area visit: www.amblecotehistorysociety.org.uk

Sedgley Local History Society

THE first Andrew Barnett & Trevor Genge Memorial Lecture takes place tonight (Thursday October 8) at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Bilston Street, Sedgley. The speaker is Ned Williams the well known Black Country historian and author.

Ned explores the Gornals (the subject of his 50th book) and shares his warm affection for the villagers and their traditions. This illustrated presentation reflects a flavour of Black Country life still around, but fast disappearing.

For past and present Gornal folk it is an evening not to be missed.

As usual visitors are invited to come along – admission £1. Annual membership of the society costs £5 and gives free access to the programme of talks.

Schoolteachers. Andrew Barnet and Trevor Genge were co-founders of the Sedgley Local History Society in 1984. Andrew launched the Sedgley Local History Museum, which closed in 2004, and Trevor published five books on the Sedgley Manor villages. Both were avid researchers and staunch supporters of conservation projects).

Odes on experience of life

MyTime Over Fifties

MEMBERS and visitors met on September 23. The meeting began with the speaker Ken Gilkes whose talk was entitled Odes of Life and Laughter.

He began by saying how boring his life is and how he only knows what day it is according to which breakfast he is given.

This struck a chord with the group and then from start to finish the ladies never stopped laughing as he recited his odes, written in response to his experiences of life. MyTime Over Fifties meets in the Amblecote Room at Stourbridge Town Hall on the fourth Wednesday in the month. The next meeting is on October 28 when Linda Ellis will update the group on macular degeneration. For more details call Audrey on 01384 864223 or Graham on 01384 393499.

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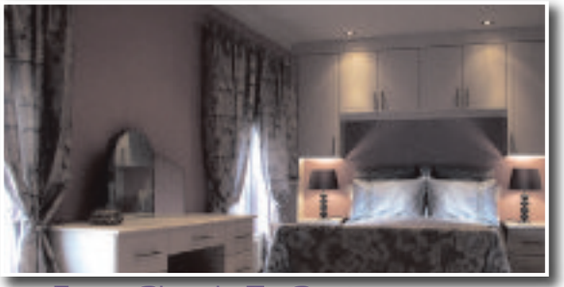

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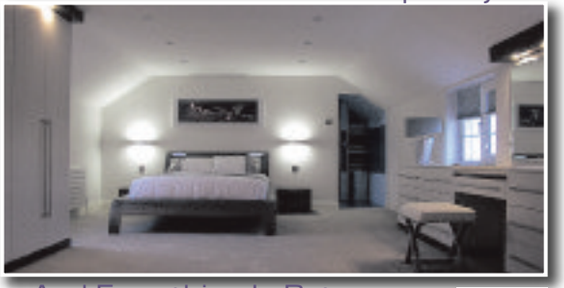

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Business pals help to furnish homes for veterans

TWO best friends from Brierley have put their DIY skills to the test by lending a helping hand to veterans in Manchester — and their work can be seen on a popular TV show.

David Perry and Jamie Wood, from Stourbridge, were approached by DIY SOS to help them spend two weeks transforming streets in Newton Heath for former soldiers to move into with their families.

Reclaimed

The team behind the BBC programme, hosted by Nick Knowles, wanted to see whether the fledgling furniture company could help towards their latest project.

The former Stourbridge College students, both 28, jumped at the chance.

101 Furniture, which started last year, specialises in making industrial-style furniture out of reclaimed timber and steel.

They donated a large outdoor dining table and benches to the project, as well as a four-seater garden bistro table with four matching stools.

They were used as part of a project to help transform eight existing houses for forces veterans to be featured in the BBC One two-part programme DIY SOS specialthat will be seen on TV on October 14 and 21 on BBC1, both episodes from 8pm.

David Perry, left, and Jamie Woods, right, with the presenter of TV's DIY SOS Nick Knowles

Jail for motorist who almost hit runners

A DRINK-driver who drove onto a Birmingham 10K course run, narrowly missing runners, has been jailed for 14 months.

Unemployed Ibrar Shazad Boston, ignored marshalls at the Morrison's Great Birmingham 10k Road Race on May 3 and drove his blue Renault Megane over grass and a pavement. Police spotted Boston gesticulating at a council worker in a road sweeper who was blocking his path on Pershore Road. As motorbike officer approached Boston drove off at speed, narrowly missing runners and just missing the police bike. Boston drove through cones along Sherlock Street, before colliding with railings and abandoning the vehicle. He was arrested nearby.

The 35-year-old of Cooksey Road, Small Heath, pleaded guilty to dangerous driving and with excess alcohol at Birmingham Crown Court where he was banned from driving for over four years.

Refugees are human: Ex-target of Taliban

A MAN who fled the tyranny of the Taliban in Afghanistan has called on people to remember that there are human beings behind the numbers, in the midst of the Syrian refugee situation.

His comments came in the wake of some councils in the region asking for guarantees of further Government funding before taking on their share of 20,000 Syrians due to come to the UK.

The councils' concerns drew sympathy from Rohulla Yakobi, who was tortured in his native Afghanistan when he was just 12 years old.

The 28-year-old father of two, from Oxley, Wolverhampton, came to Britain in 2004 and now works with the Human Security Centre, a think tank in London.

He said: "It's entirely understandable that they may resist more people coming into their area, given the budgetary constraints councils are going through, particularly if an asylum seeker is not allowed to work and contribute.

"Someone arriving as I did will have no sense of Britishness and will have to find their own way.

"But I've never doubted the generosity of the British people and I'm delighted to be a British citizen myself.

"When we look at statistics and figures like this we do not see the human beings. We forget the human side of the crisis.

"What we're talking about here are numbers, costs, housing and so on. We have to remember that there are people at the heart of this."

Rohullah Yakobi — fled tyranny in Afghanistan

● The Chronicle would like to clarify that the photograph used of Mr Yakobi and his family in last week's edition was intended to illustrate his comments on the Syrian refugees issue. However, his quotes weren't used and subsequently we would like to apologise to Mr Yakobi for any inconvenience or distress caused by this.

Chaotic launch for Kim's new album

Kim Lowings and the Greenwood
Scary Canary, Stourbridge

THE launch of Kim Lowings and the Greenwood's second full album, Historia, in the heart of her home town of Stourbridge was a little chaotic. The venue Scary Canary, an upper room off the town's High Street, is certainly a work in progress resembling a cross between a building site and a second hand furniture shop. However, the venue was packed with family, friends and fans which gave it a good atmosphere.

Lowings was suffering the aftermath of a throat infection and there were problems getting the sound right but the band soldiered on. It was a muted start with Lowings' voice quite reserved. She switched to the dulcimer for Maggie's Song, inspired by a boat trip and drunkenness off the coast of Croatia. The band, Lowings, Andrew Lowings, Dave Sutherland and Tim Rogers was joined by Leon Gormley and Lewis Jones who played an incredible instrument, the Swedish nyckelharpa. The good show was fully appreciated and the album is certainly worth adding to your collection.

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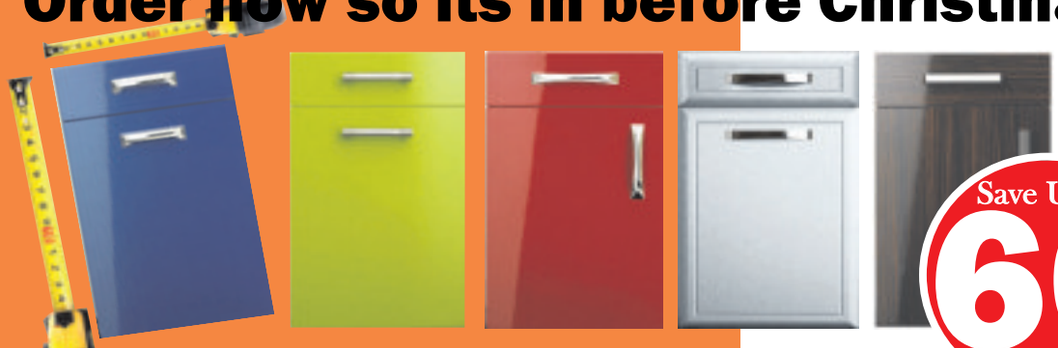

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The variety is huge, with something for all the family – from babies to teenagers, from parents to grandparents!

Youngsters

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For the youngsters there are lots of fun and games for tiny tots to school children to enjoy.

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Slimmer Kelly sets example

A WOMAN who shed eight stone in weight will be sharing her success with others after launching her own slimming class.

Kelly Sansome, 43, of Wynall Lane, Wollescote, decided to take action following a terrifying experience where she struggled to breathe and had to be put on oxygen.

The mother-of-two was about to turn 40 at the time and weighed nearly 20st. But after joining a slimming group at Dingle Community Centre, in Kingswinford, Mrs Sansome says she has never looked back.

She now weighs 11st and says she is all the happier for it and has been inspired to help others achieve the same success via her own slimming class at Gig Mill Primary School, in Norton.

Call for flag comment apology during historian's visit to city

THE man who branded the Black Country flag 'offensive' because of the connection between chains and slavery has been urged to apologise when he visits this weekend.

Historian Patrick Vernon is coming to Wolverhampton as part of Black History Month to give a talk on the Windrush generation of Caribbean migrants at the city's art gallery.

The London-based but Wolverhampton-born campaigner sparked fury in July when he branded the flag, designed by a Dudley schoolgirl to celebrate the Black Country's industrial heritage, as 'insensitive'.

Sedgley UKIP MEP Bill Etheridge said: "Perhaps Mr Vernon can take the opportunity to learn more about Black Country history and understand the real relevance of the chain to the flag. It would not be amiss for him to apologise for the offence he caused." Ian Austin, Labour MP for Dudley North, said: "Perhaps while he is in the Black Country Patrick Vernon will see the deep sense of pride that people from all backgrounds have and see how this region lit the spark that fired the industrial revolution."

Mr Vernon, aged 54, said: "I am very familiar with the Black Country industrial heritage and history. If local people wish to learn more about the slave trade and its links with the Black Country, I would encourage them to visit the various archives and museums in Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton."

Tenants urged to get involved

RESIDENTS are invited to a housing conference to get involved in the running of their estates.

The Dudley Council housing conference, which is open to anyone living on the borough's council housing estates, will promote opportunities for tenants, leaseholders and residents to get involved in how housing services are delivered.

It will take place on October 29 at Saltwells Education Centre, in Bowling Green Road, Netherton. Lunch will be provided. There will be speakers. For more information call (01384) 815168 or email participation@dudley.gov.uk

Family tributes after car crash tragedy

Craig Griffiths pictured with his five-year-old daughter

TRIBUTES have been paid to a car enthusiast who died when his vehicle smashed into a tree and lamppost beside the Birmingham New Road in Dudley.

Craig Griffiths got out of the car after the crash but then suffered a cardiac arrest at the scene. Paramedics treated him and he was taken to Russells Hall Hospital where he later died.

The family of Mr Griffiths has released a picture of him with his five-year-old daughter.

Smile

In a statement, the heartbroken family said: "He was a quiet and shy young man with a cheeky, infectious smile and he would do anything for anyone, always put others first."

The 26-year-old from Netherton was described as a brilliant father.

The crash happened near the empty King Arthur pub at around 10.20pm on September 29. No other vehicles are believed to have been involved.

A passenger, aged 26, suffered minor injuries and was taken to hospital for treatment.

Floral tributes have been placed at the site by friends and family.

Peer is tempted to run for mayor role

DIGBY Jones, one of the most prominent figures in British business has admitted he is "sorely tempted" by the idea of running as mayor of his native West Midlands.

But Lord Jones of Birmingham said the chances of putting himself forward as head of the region's new combined authority were currently no more than "five or ten per cent". He was talking during a business mini-conference on board the Queen Elizabeth cruise liner at the weekend, organised by Black County property tycoon Roy Richardson and his family.

Senior company executives and leading figures from the business community took part in a series of debates on the combined authority and what it could mean for the region.

Lord Jones said big metropolitan councils like Wolverhampton and Birmingham would need to give up powers to make the new authority effective "but turkeys don't vote for Christmas."

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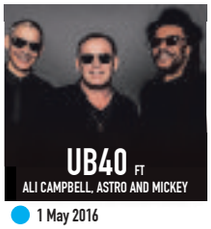

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By Graeme Andrew

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William Steig's story of an ogre who finds love and friendship in a bid to secure his swamp after being overrun by ousted fairytale creatures, has translated brilliantly from the big screen to the musical stage.

Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre resounded with roars of uncontrollable laughter as we were whisked along on the road to Duloc and beyond, as Shrek and Donkey follow their quest to rescue Princess Fiona from the clutches of the dragon.

With a host of new musical numbers to provide the narrative – showing off the cast's amazing vocal ability – the storyline closely followed the first Shrek film with a few hidden extras thrown in, to the delight of the crowd.

Hilarious

But the production really took off when Lord Farquaad was introduced into the proceedings. The staging problem of representing his, erm, 'limited' stature was dealt with ingeniously, with hilarious results. And canny old-hand theatre stalwart Gerard Carey absolutely makes the most of it, inducing tears of laughter with his antics.

Certainly the star of the show when it comes to the comedy aspect, there were many stand-out turns – Bronte Barbe as Fiona was top class with an amazing voice, and she too showed a deft comic touch.

Dean Chisnall, in the lead, is given the hardest job, trying to carry off a central acting role while wearing a no-doubt cumbersome Shrek suit and make-up, but he did well, showing real vulnerability when required, both in song and acting.

And Idriss Kargbo had a hard act to follow with Eddie Murphy's unforgettable performance as Donkey in the movies, but he acquitted himself well, bringing a touch of Cat from Red Dwarf with him.

Ex-Eastender Nigel Harman (remember Dennis Rickman?), who won plaudits as Farquaad himself in the West End, is the director and keeps the action ticking over nicely.

Meanwhile musical director Dave Rose is obviously an accomplished vocal arranger, as harmonies were brilliantly executed and many of the characters proved their worth, bringing singing power to blow the audience away, in particular Christina Modestou with her soulful voice for Dragon. Mention must be made too on the staging, with swift scenery changes and amazing sets.

The supporting cast had to work hard taking on multiple roles and at no point did I find myself thinking we'd seen any of the faces in other guises.

There must have been some super-rapid changes, including three people dressed in black bringing to life Dragon, as a huge puppet, which was remarkably close in appearance to the Dreamworks' movie original.

It's an old cliche – something for everyone – but on this occasion, one that fits the bill.

And with performances running until Sunday, there is still a chance for fans to get their fill of fairytales, magic and laughter.

From left, Bronte Barbe, Idriss Kargbo and Dean Chisnall. Picture: Helen Maybanks

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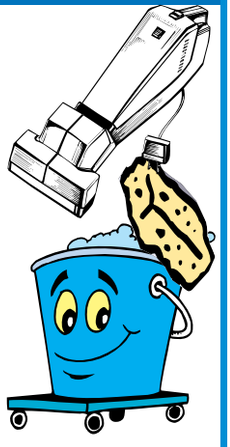

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Police smash window of car to save baby doll

Delesia Rattray, 20, of Dudley, in her car with her ten-year-old sister Janaih Rattray and the baby doll called Ryan

POLICE smashed through the window of a car parked at a Dudley hospital fearing a baby was locked inside – only to discover that it was a doll.

The doll belonged to 10-year-old Janaih Rattray and had been left in her sister Delesia's car at Russells Hall Hospital when they were visiting their mother.

The alarm was raised by a passer-by and officers, believing the lifelike doll to be a real baby, forced their way into the Vauxhall Corsa.

Delesia, aged 20, from Dudley, thought she had been the victim of the break-in. The Wolverhampton University student and her mother Carole Johnson believe officers should have been able to tell that the doll, which is called Ryan, was not real.

Police chiefs praised the actions of the officers and said they thought a baby had been left by a 'depressed' mother for hospital staff to find. They said attempts were made to trace the owner of the car but with time passing they were left with no option but to smash the window. The force has agreed to pay around £90.

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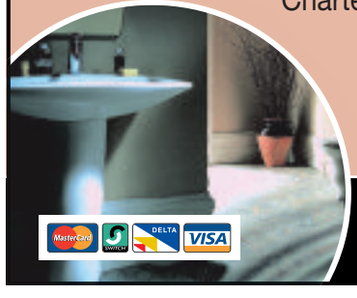

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Music and magic take centre stage at Grand

DES O'Connor, Derren Brown and West End musical Annie are among the diverse range of shows in Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre's new season.

On January 18, controversial comedian Jim Davidson will take to the stage with his new show Charlton Nil.

A celebration of the Chinese New Year and an audience with Stewart Lee – A Room With A Stew – are other highlights.

An Audience with Des O'Connor celebrates the showbusiness veteran in a new show looking back on his stage and screen career on April 23.

The Billy Fury Years traces the career of the rock 'n' roll pioneer on February 21, with the hip hop dance company presenting their new production, Into The Hoods: Remixed from February 25-27.

Judge

John Steinbeck classic Of Mice And Men, Fame - The Musical, The Snow Maiden, Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake, Hello Kitty Live, Ireland's Call and A Grand Operetta Gala are all being staged in May.

The Black Country Night Out on April 1 features Jonny Cole, Dandy, The Fizzogs and The Ronaldos.

Birds of a Feather star Lesley Joseph leads the cast in Annie from April 4-9, in a role she is sharing with Strictly judge Craig Revel Horwood.

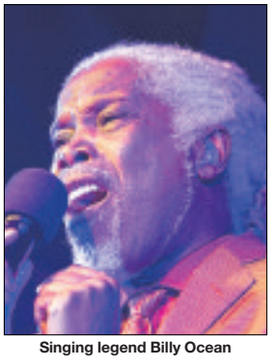
In his seventh live show since 2003, Derren Brown: Miracle, sees the multi-award winning acknowledged master of psychological illusion returns to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from April 11 to 16.

Billy Ocean, who has sold more than 30 million records during his career, will perform on May 13, while Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will star Joe McElderry from May 17 to 21 May.

Illusionist Derren Brown returns

Comedian Stewart Lee

Veteran entertainer Des O'Connor



Singing legend Billy Ocean

Pinocchio is brought to life on June 1, followed up by tenor Russell Watson with Songs From The Heart on June 4.

The Northern Ballet presents Jane Eyre and The Tortoise & The Hare on June 10 and June 11 respectively.

Grand Theatre head of sales and marketing Vicky Price said: "It's an incredibly exciting season.

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It's all the best from Starsailor

Love not money inspired the Starsailor reunion, singer James Walsh tells Andy Richardson

THE time to release a 'best of' is usually the time when a band is all washed up. That, at least, is the theory.

James Walsh, frontman with Starsailor, is having none of it. He thinks his band can surprise people when they hit the road in a few short months to support their new album, Good Souls – The Greatest Hits, including a gig at the Wulfrun Hall in Wolverhampton tonight (Thursday).

The album kicks off with the band's three biggest hits in the shape of Good Souls (No 12), Silence is Easy (No 9) and Alcoholic (No 10). The album features a further seven Top 40 hits, as well as fans' favourites such as Tie Up My Hands and Fidelity, which became staples of the band's live shows.

"It's been over 15 years since the band first formed and the songs still mean something to people," says frontman James Walsh. "They still sing the words passionately back at us at gigs. We hear stories of how songs have soundtracked key moments in their lives.

"That's why we felt it was the right time to release this album – hopefully if the songs mean this much to our loyal fans this collection can help spread the word wider. People who know us for Four To The Floor or Alcoholic can delve a little deeper."

In addition, the album boasts two new tracks recently recorded with producer Harry Rutherford at the Fisher Lane Studios.

"Give Up The Ghost came from the energy of being back together after so much time," explains Walsh. "It's about not being ready to give up on something despite the challenges that you face." The other new track is the ballad Hold On. "The lyrics are about reassuring someone who has their life ahead of them and passing wisdom onto them," he adds. "We wanted to get an anthemic chorus which should get the crowd going."

Starsailor, from left, Ben Byrne, James Stelfox, James Walsh and Barry Westhead

Completed by James Stelfox (bass), Ben Byrne (drums) and Barry Westhead (keyboards), Starsailor shot to prominence with the release of their debut single Fever. Their 2001 debut album reached No 2 .

"I think we all got carried away with all the success for a while. It's amazing how quickly things happen. You get used to the success and think that's the road you're on. You build it up and build it up. When it slows down, you just get on with it really. It would be easy to be bitter and angry about things because we didn't sell so many, but that's when you have to take a step away. You have to enjoy the music.

"I'm involved in other things that do alright for me. I'm not just reliant on Starsailor. Putting the band back together is more about the love of it."

Good Souls: The Greatest Hits follows the band's reunion with a triumphant set at the Isle of Wight Festival 2014.

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Peace ready to make Civic happy

PEACE will give fans one last chance to see them on their Happy People tour before retreating to the country.

The band from Worcestershire will line up at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall on Saturday. And then, they'll disappear for six months.

Frontman Harry Koisser says: "We're moving to a house in the middle of the countryside together and we're working on the new album immediately after the tour. So for the next six months we'll be working on the album.

"To be fair it's already all written we just need to record it. We want to rehearse it. Sometimes it takes a band five years to write a record and I'm just 'what are you doing?' It'll take me a week and a half to write a record."

Peace have had an incredible summer, playing Glastonbury for the second time as well as sets at Reading and Leeds.

"It's been fun. We started in Australia in March and it just seems like the longest summer and to be honest I just want winter."

The band have got celebrity followers with ex-England footballer Peter Crouch appearing in a video.

"Peter Crouch and Abby Clancy are big fans, which is really cool. I met Noel Gallagher in Scotland at T in the Park. We were introduced by someone and he was like 'Noel this is Harry' and he looked at me was like 'are you in a band or something?' and I said 'yeah I'm in a band called Peace' and he was like 'AHHHH! PEACE!' And he said 'Craig Silvey (producer of Peace's Happy People and Noel Gallagher's Chasing Yesterday) played me your album and it was amazing'. Noely G had just given me a compliment."

Harry can't wait to play Wolverhampton. "Wolverhampton Civic is a big deal to be honest. This is the last tour we're going to be doing for what's going to feel a really long time. We love Wolverhampton, with exception of two members of the entire touring party (including support bands Yak and Splashh), everyone's from the West Midlands. It's going to be a big celebration."

Peace with Harry Koisser, centre front, are about to work on their third album

Tale of Anita and Meera too

Mandeep Dhillon (Meena) and Jalleh Alizadeh (Anita) rehearse for Anita And Me

WHEN the world premiere of Meera Syal's much-loved Anita and Me is unveiled at Birmingham REP tomorrow night (Friday), it will feature the most unusual star.

The leading light won't be an actor, actress or, indeed, the writer Meera Syal. An impressive cast including Jalleh Alizadeh, Mandeep Dhillon, Ameet Chana and Ayesha Dharker won't take centre state. Instead the star will be Wolverhampton, the grand old city where Meera was born and raised.

The multi-award-winning Syal wrote her poignant coming-of-age tale about Meena, the irreverent teenage daughter of the only Punjabi family in the mining village of Tollington.

Syal is delighted to be bringing her life in Wolverhampton to the stage. "Well I was born in New Cross Hospital, so it is indeed my birth town, right there on my passport.

Pinnacle

"I then lived in Willenhall briefly before we moved to Essington when I was a year old, so my childhood was spent in the countryside.

"However we did go to Wolverhampton for all our big shopping trips and the pinnacle of every visit was the Mander Centre."

Syal is best-known for TV creations on hits like Goodness Gracious Me and The Kumars at No 42. She wrote Anita and Me in 1997 and it was made into a film in 2002.

She can't wait for the curtain to go up on the theatrical version, at Birmingham REP until October 24.

"The Rep is of course the perfect place for this very Midland story and Tanika Gupta, who has adapted the book is not only a brilliant playwright but also a very dear friend, so it couldn't be in better hands."

It's strictly drag for Craig's musical role

LIFE'S become a bit of a drag for Simply Come Dancing judge Craig Revel Horwood, who is putting on the pantyhose to play Miss Hannigan in the revival of the Tomorrow musical Annie at Birmingham Hippodrome.

The choreographer and director returns to the stage for a role he shares with Birds of a Feather star Lesley Joseph when Strictly duties intervene on a Saturday.

The musical will be at the Hippodrome from October 13 to 31 — see www.birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000 — and returns to the West Midlands in April at Wolverhampton Grand with Lesley Joseph dishing out the Hard Knock Life.

Double date with 1980s hitmakers

POWER ballad 80s stars T'Pau have two local gigs. The China In Your Hand outfit fronted by Carol Decker are at Robin 2 Bilston tomorrow (Fri), and are guests of Go West and Nik Kershaw at Symphony Hall on Tuesday.

Key gigs include Treetop Flyers at the Sunflower Lounge in central Brum tonight (Thu), the same night Metric unveil album Pagans In Vegas at The Institute. Check out Rae Morris on Sunday and soul singer KWABS on Monday at The Institute. Gengahr are at the Hare & Hounds in Kings Heath on Monday, when Du Blonde and Goodbye Lenin play the other room.

The eyes have it for a Grand favourite

THE Grand's favourite panto dame, Ceri Dupree, returns with a tribute to the divas in EYEcons, the female impersonator's new show on Tuesday at the Wolverhampton theatre.

The Upbeat Beatles revive memories of the Fab Four at the Lichfield Street venue on Wednesday and Ministry of Science Live bring explosive experiments for matinee and evening shows on Thursday.

The week of one-nighters is rounded off by Britain's Got Talent opera star Paul Potts in concert on October 16 and a saucy Evening of Burlesque on October 17. See www.grandtheatre.co.uk or call 01902 429212.

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A real hot shot – the Vhujon in Bewdley

The shared starter comes with three Indian snacks

The Murgh Chettinad was sweet and spicy with a rich and hot sauce

The classy interior of the Vhujon

This restaurant is real hot stuff

PUBS, hairdressers and curry houses have dominated the small town centre of Bewdley over the years.

At one point you were spoilt for choice if you wanted to go for a swift pint, cut and blow dry or a spicy dinner.

But as time has passed and the recession has taken hold, some businesses have struggled to stay afloat and have fallen by the wayside.

It seems residents have tightened their belts and the Indian restaurants have taken a hit. At one point there were four restaurants within a 100-metre stretch, and a balti.

The old favourite that has stood the test of time is still going strong. The cheap and cheerful one, which I've never gone to. The modern-trying-to-be-posh option which has recently shut up shop, as has the bring your own booze balti. But then there's the Vhujon, a contemporary Indian with a stylish interior and a mix of traditional and more unusual dishes.

It's still there, still popular and is always

By Lisa Williams

busy enough to need to book a table on a Friday or Saturday night. It has a lively buzz with a chatty atmosphere in an intimate setting. Its contemporary furnishings make it look clean and fresh, although it could probably do with a bit of attention if they decide to give it a revamp.

We didn't book. We didn't think it would be packed. But for a Wednesday evening there was a surprisingly steady flow of diners which made the atmosphere nice. Relaxed but vibrant.

Wine was ordered as we contemplated menu. There was a lot to take in – starters, chicken, lamb, beef, seafood and biryani dishes along with tandoori specialities, vegetarian, balti and traditional. There are also veggie accompaniments, rice, naans and other sundries.

Of course we ordered poppadoms, a necessity. They were lovely. Crispy, crunchy discs with a slight oiliness. The condiments were yummy too. As we were devouring them our starter to share arrived – Sabzi Labra, a trio of Indian snacks a samosa, onion bhajee and mushroom pakora, all of which were tasty. Each had a good amount of filling and was nicely seasoned. The pakora batter was a bright, eyewatering, neon orange and could have done with a bit more mushroom stuffed inside its glowing coat.

Once these were done and dusted our mains were next. Feeling brave I'd gone for the Murgh Chettinad, described as hot and spicy chicken cooked with a mix of onion, crushed red chillies and cranberries.

Fiery

It was hot but not take-off-a-layer-of-skin-from-the-roof-of-your-mouth kind of blazing. It had an almost sweet and sour flavour with the plump, rich cranberries giving a sharp taste to the chicken and the fiery chilli adding the taste explosion. To counteract the fierce heat I'd gone for a rather plain but very fluffy and perfectly cooked boiled rice along with a wholesome chapati to mop up the sauce.

My friend had gone for a classic chicken Madras with mushroom pilau rice. The Madras, she said, was nice and spicy but not at all greasy. We'd also decided on a tarka dhall as a side which tasted absolutely divine, a nice smooth texture with a wholesome lentil flavour and some seasoning we couldn't quite put our fingers on. It complemented the curry and was aromatic without being too overpowering. The mushroom pilau was also a hit.

Neither of us went for the customary naan bread as they seemed too heavy and filling with all the food we had to get through.

There was no room for dessert, though they did have quite a vast selection mainly of pre-made ice cream pots along with a couple of more traditional options.

The staff were friendly and attentive without being intrusive, kept the table cleared and made sure we had everything we needed. It's a very efficient and well-oiled machine with fantastic food.

The bill came with After Eight mints, very 70s but welcome to take away the heat, along with a little pot of minuscule liquorice torpedoes, pretty reasonable at ust shy of £45. We decided this is one restaurant that certainly curries favour.

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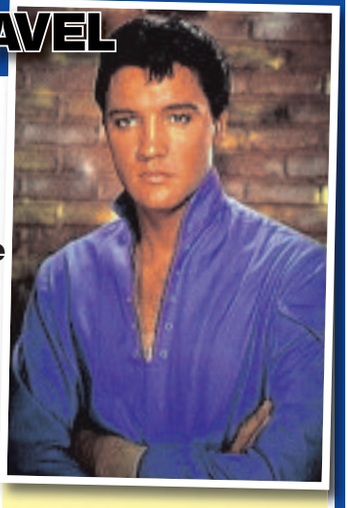

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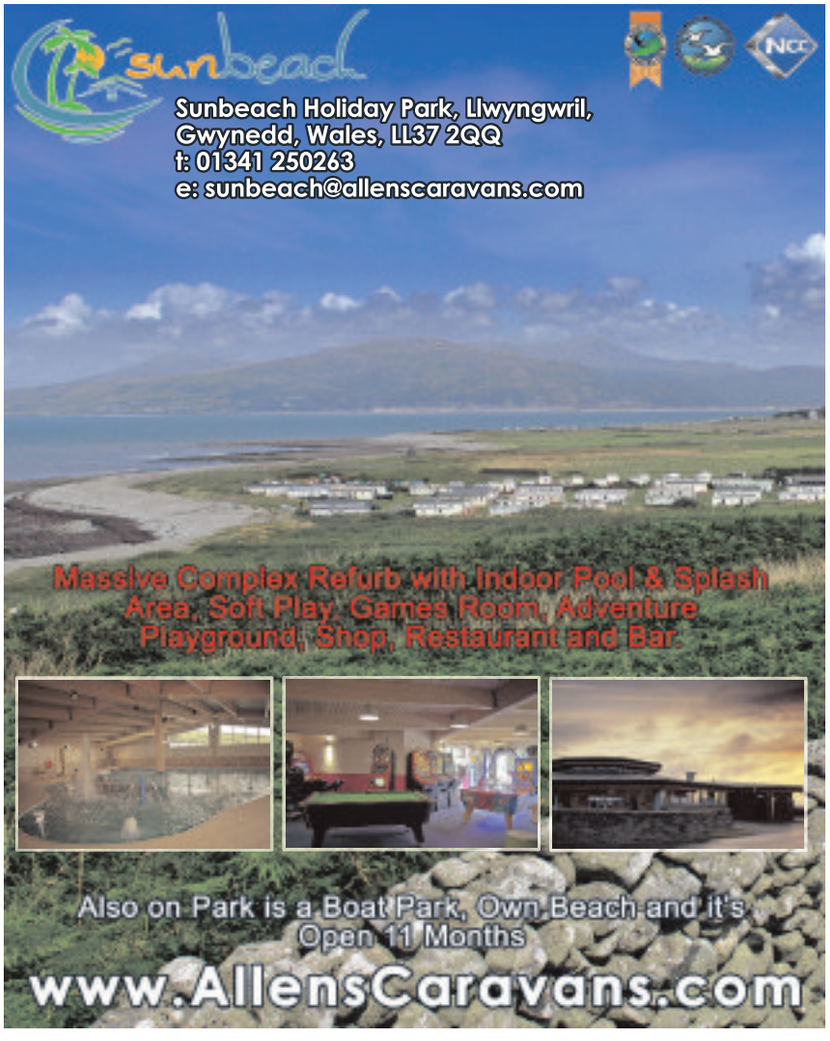

CHOICE

Peter Capaldi

Doctor Who (BBC1, 8.25pm)
The concluding edition of a two-part tale – told in reverse – takes the Time Lord to a remote Army outpost, where a fearsome alien warlord known as The Fisher King sets in motion a devious plan to ensure his own survival. As his plot takes effect, the ripples of his actions are felt across the universe in what seems to be an unstoppable chain of cause and reaction. With the consequences spiraling out of control, the Doctor seeks to bring the devastation to an end - but doing so might mean he has to do the unthinkable. Sci-fi drama, starring Peter Capaldi and Jenna Coleman, with guests Paul Kaye and Peter Serafinowicz.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix – Qualifying. Suzi Perry introduces coverage from Sochi Autodrom (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.25** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.25** The Great British Bake Off Class of 2014. (R) **4.25** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Pointless Celebrities.

6.20 Strictly Come Dancing. Strictly is nothing if not glamorous, but there are a few extra sparkles this week as the contestants take their inspiration from the silver screen in a movie-themed show, with Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell deciding who is a blockbuster and who is a box-office flop. As ever, Tess Daly introduces the twinkle-toed stars, while Claudia Winkleman chats to them after their performances – and watch out too for the professionals, who will no doubt be kicking off the show off with a spirited effort.

8.25 Doctor Who. The concluding edition of a two-part tale – told in reverse – takes the Time Lord to a remote Army outpost, where a fearsome alien warlord known as The Fisher King sets in motion a devious plan to ensure his own survival. Sci-fi drama, starring Peter Capaldi and Jenna Coleman, with guests Paul Kaye and Peter Serafinowicz.

9.10 Casualty. Cal finds himself back on an even keel, but it remains to be seen whether things will improve for him from here.

10.00 The National Lottery Live. The all-important winning numbers, including the Lotto and Thunderball draws, are revealed by Gaby Roslin.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. A hypnotist provides the entertainment at the triplets' baptism – and Agnes soon finds herself under his spell. (R)

11.00 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides. (2011) Captain Jack Sparrow's search for the fountain of youth leads to a battle with the dreaded pirate Blackbeard. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp; National Lottery Update.

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.25 Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix – Practice One Replay. (R) **8.15** Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix – Practice Two Replay. (R) **9.55** Live Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix – Practice Three. **11.05** The Women's Football Show. (R) **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.30** Great British Menu. (R) **2.30** Formula 1 Rewind. **3.30** Coast. (R) **4.00** World's Weirdest Events. (R) **5.00** Flog It! (R)

6.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure. Si King and Dave Myers take DNA tests to find out if they have any Viking ancestry, before heading for Stockholm and taking a ferry to the island of Gotland. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Gardeners' World. Monty Don tackles seasonal jobs at Longmeadow, while in the third of her films about how plants work, Carol Klein investigates the science of stems. (R)

7.30 Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise. Life in the treacherous seas that surround the 4,000-mile coast of the South American wilderness, including rockhopper penguins, seals and orcas. Last in the series. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring enlists an unusual recruit to the platoon. Vintage comedy, starring John Le Mesurier. (R)

9.00 Ted Hughes: Stronger Than Death. Documentary examining how the poet's life shaped his work, including an interview with his daughter Frieda, as well as testimony from family members, friends and fellow writers.

10.30 QI. Sarah Millican, Jason Manford and Bill Bailey join regular panellist Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of unusual questions on the topic of keeps. (R)

11.00 Cradle to Grave. Danny finds himself at a crossroads with the fabulous Miss Blondel – or as he is now allowed to call her, Louise – and Fred demonstrates his keen sense of hearing with money. (R)

11.30 Boy Meets Girl. As the party preparations get under way, Pam learns the truth about Judy, while Leo has a special question to ask her. But things do not turn out as he expected. Last in the series. (R)

12.00 Film: Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil. (1997) **2.25 Film:** Lady Caroline Lamb. (1972) **4.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.50** Sooty. (R) **7.05** Fish Hooks. **7.25** Adventure Time. **7.45** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Countrywise. (R) **10.45** ITV News; Weather. **10.55** The X Factor. (R) **12.55** Downton Abbey. (R) **2.00** Rugby World Cup. Scotland v Samoa (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Rugby World Cup. Australia v Wales (Kick-off 4.45pm).

6.55 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.00 ITV News; Weather.

7.15 Rugby World Cup. England v Uruguay (Kick-off 8.00pm). John Inverdale presents coverage of the final match in Pool A, which takes place at Manchester City Stadium. There has only been one previous meeting between these nations prior to this clash, which took place at the 2003 World Cup in Australia. That fixture was an incredibly one-sided affair, as England recorded an emphatic 111-13 triumph in what was also their concluding pool-stage match of that tournament. Anything other than an English win tonight will be seen as a huge surprise, and Stuart Lancaster will hope the expected victory proves to be as good an omen for the current side, given that the 2003 squad went on to lift the Webb Ellis Cup. With analysis from Jonny Wilkinson, Clive Woodward and Lawrence Dallaglio, and commentary by Nick Mullins and Ben Kay.

10.15 Through the Keyhole. Dave Berry, Michael Buerk and Ashley Roberts try to guess which mystery celebrities have invited Keith Lemon to poke through their personal belongings. Last in the series.

11.15 ITV News; Weather.

11.35 Rugby World Cup Highlights. Action from Scotland v Samoa, Australia v Wales and England v Uruguay, which took place at St James' Park, Twickenham and Manchester City Stadium respectively.

12.50 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas. **3.00** Show Me the Telly. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.35 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.00** The Grid. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. **10.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **11.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **11.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newmarket and York. **4.10** Channel 4 News. **4.35** Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.20** Couples Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.05 Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help prospective buyers in Cardiff, including Jo and Steve, who are relocating from Bristol to cut down on Jo's commute to work. (R)

7.00 Celebrity Benchmark. Vic Reeves and Jimmy Carr battle it out for the contestant's chair as Paddy McGuinness hosts another star-studded round of the game show. This week, the Benchmarkers are Joey Essex, Chris Ramsey, Lesley Joseph, John Thomson, Jason Byrne, Amanda Byram, Mark Watson, Edwina Currie and Stevi Ritchie, and the star who wins the opening duel must assess how well the celebrity panel answered to a series of tricky numerical questions if they hope to win £50,000 for their chosen charity.

8.00 Britain's Best Loved Sitcoms. Part two of two. The countdown of the UK's favourite comedies concludes and the nation's favourite sitcom is revealed. Tamsin Greig narrates.

9.00 At Home with Steph and Dom. Chat show with the much-loved couple from Gogglebox, as they host a series of celebrity dinners at their plush B&B, The Salutation. Viewers get to see the couple entertain the likes of Jerry Springer, Jason Donovan, Louis Walsh and Phil Tufnell, finding our more about their guests in a succession of wine-fuelled and opinionated evenings.

10.05 Film: Tower Heist. (2011) The manager of an apartment complex recruits a thief to steal back his friends' pension fund from a Wall Street fraudster. Crime comedy, starring Ben Stiller.

12.10 Sex Diaries: Gigolos. (R) **1.10** Josh Widdicombe: And Another Thing. (R) **2.05** Alan Carr: Chatty Man: SU2C Special. (R) **3.00** Hollyoaks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.35** Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.30** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.30** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.30 Film:** Columbo: Grand Deceptions. (1989) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.25 Film:** Columbo: Ashes to Ashes. (1998) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan. **5.15** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Kevin Stokes and Brian O'Shaughnessy get into a doorstep confrontation with a debtor who wants to prove her family business is bankrupt. However, when tempers flare Brian is assaulted and the agents call the police. Elsewhere, Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner face evicting three properties owned by the same landlord in north London, and Brian and Delroy Anglin collect £2,000 debt owed to a vet in Kent. (R)

7.05 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong, including martial arts, dating difficulties, and a wipe-out at the Typhoon Lagoon.

7.35 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong, including a man filling up his pick-up truck with water and schoolboys learning how gravity affects balls.

8.00 Now That's Funny! Amusing Internet-sourced videos, including pleasure seekers getting more than they bargained for at an amusement park and people who make fooling about at work an art form.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football League Tonight. George Riley presents extended highlights of the weekend's top matches from League One and League Two, including Sheffield United v Rochdale, Walsall v Burton Albion, Cambridge United v Portsmouth and Oxford United v AFC Wimbledon. Plus, a round-up of the main talking points, and interviews with a selection of players and managers. Former Sunderland left-back Michael Gray provides analysis in the studio.

10.00 Most Shocking Talent Show Moments. Countdown of 50 of the most memorable moments from TV talent shows. (R)

12.50 The Gadget Show. (R) **1.40** SuperCasino. **3.10** The Yorkshire Vet. (R) **4.00** Body Donors. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Top Gear **8.05** Don't Tell the Bride **9.05** Russell Howard's Good News **9.35 Film:** Tropic Thunder (2008) **11.15** Family Guy **1.25** Together **1.55** Asian Provocateur **2.25** Russell Howard's Good News **2.55** Don't Tell the Bride **3.55** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 Three Men Go to Scotland **8.00** Burma, My Father and the Forgotten Army **9.00** Beck: The Hospital Murders **10.25** Spike Milligan: Love, Light and Peace **11.55** Top of the Pops: 1980 **12.30** Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie **1.30** Indie Classics at the BBC **2.30** Tales from the Tour Bus: Rock 'n' Roll on the Road **3.30** Close

ITV2
11.00 The Cube **12.05** Tricked **1.05** The Hot Desk: Alesha Dixon **1.20** The X Factor **3.20** The Xtra Factor **4.20** Catchphrase Celebrity Special **5.20 Film:** Beethoven (1992) **7.05 Film:** She's the Man (2006) **9.10 Film:** American Pie: The Wedding (2003) **11.15** Celebrity Juice **12.05** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **1.05** Release the Hounds **1.55** Tricked **2.45** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3
12.15 Inspector Morse **2.30 Film:** Emma (1996) **4.55** Lewis **6.55** Doc Martin **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Lewis **12.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.40 Film: Battle of the Bulge (1965) **3.00 Film:** Dunkirk (1958) **5.45 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **7.30** Storage Wars: New York **8.00** Storage Wars **9.00** Storage Wars: New York **9.25** River Monsters **10.30** Euro 2016 Qualifier Highlights **12.00 Film:** The Big Lebowski (1998) **2.20** Nitro Circus **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
1.00 Film: Planet 51 (2009) **2.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** Rude(ish) Tube **5.05 Film:** Marley and Me (2008) **7.30** The Big Bang Theory: Top 5 Howard **10.00** Gogglebox **11.40** Tattoo Fixers **12.40** The Inbetweeners **1.50** The IT Crowd **2.45** How I Met Your Mother **3.30** The New Normal **3.55** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

Film4
11.00 Mysterious Island (1961) **1.00** We Bought a Zoo (2011) **3.35** Iron Man (2008) **6.05** The Karate Kid (2010) **9.00** Taken 2 (2012) **10.50** Crimson Peak – Exclusive Preview **10.55** Hellboy (2004)

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CHOICE

Claire Danes

Homeland (Channel 4, 9pm)
One of the most talked about American dramas of recent years is back for a new run, and life seems a little easier for Homeland's bipolar heroine Carrie Mathison (Claire Danes). When we first met her in 2012, she was trying to ascertain whether Nicholas Brody, the US soldier and PoW, had been turned by al-Qaeda and was planning an atrocity on American soil. When we catch up with her, it's two years since the on/off CIA officer's tenure as Islamabad station chief. Series five sees her in Berlin, estranged from the CIA and employed as a German philanthropist's head of security. In episode one, Carrie's peace is threatened when a request from her boss forces her back towards the dangerous world she left behind.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Live Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix. **2.15** Sunday Politics. **3.20** The Great British Bake Off: The Final. (R) **4.20** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.50** Points of View. **5.05** Lifeline. **5.15** Songs of Praise. **5.50** BBC News.

6.10 Regional Programme.

6.15 Countryfile. Matt Baker joins wildlife photographer Gary Lomas in recording the annual red deer rut in Cheshire's Lyme Park, and meets a TV actor who gave up showbusiness to become a National Trust Ranger. Helen Skelton goes looking for rare bats and visits a family who make bespoke gin. Tom Heap investigates mental health issues in the farming community, James Wong makes quince jelly and Adam Henson reveals what makes Dartmoor sheep and ponies special. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host the results show, as the judges choose between the two couples with the lowest scores.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team visit the Royal William Yard in Plymouth, where they cast their eyes over Lord Nelson's doorknobs, and a diamond necklace the length of a skipping rope.

9.00 From Darkness. Another body is discovered, which seems to have been left as a message for Claire. Norrie feels he and Claire are being dragged apart, as personal and professional issues collide.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Sir Alex Ferguson: Secrets of Success. Former BBC Political Editor Nick Robinson interviews the retired Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, who shares his perspectives on motivation, discipline and leadership.

11.30 Rooney: The Man Behind the Goals. Gary Lineker presents a profile of England's all-time leading scorer, talking to the Manchester United striker, his family and a host of people from the world of football. (R)

12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.45 The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.30** Countryfile. (R) **8.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.05 Film:** How the West Was Won. (1962) **3.30** Flog It! Trade Secrets. (R) **4.00** The Railway: Keeping Britain on Track. (R) **5.00** Rugby League: Super League Grand Final Highlights.

6.00 Don't Panic – How to End Poverty in 15 Years. Professor Hans Rosling explores the target of eradicating worldwide poverty by looking at dramatic human stories, as well as examining data on recent global progress. (R)

7.00 Licence to Thrill – Paul Hollywood Meets Aston Martin. The Great British Bake Off's Paul Hollywood indulges his passion for Aston Martin cars, test-driving various models, and making an attempt to join one of Aston's racing teams. (R)

8.00 Earth's Wildest Waters: The Big Fish. New series. Ben Fogle presents a fishing challenge in which anglers test their skill in the world's most inhospitable areas. The contestants fish the freezing waters of Iceland.

9.00 Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF. New series. Documentary following the Red Arrows, the RAF's aerobatics display team through a summer display season, including an ambitious performance over Buckingham Palace.

10.00 Family Guy. Brian goes to obedience classes.

10.25 Family Guy. Meg becomes infatuated with a popular boy at school.

10.45 Family Guy. Peter tells the story of Christmas – with a twist.

11.05 Top Coppers. Mahogany meets one of his childhood heroes when the star of a hit sci-fi show receives death threats, and Rust decides to chase fame and fortune by becoming an actor. Previously seen on BBC Three.

11.35 Film: Chances Are. (1989) A man reincarnated without memories of the past starts to recall his former life when he unwittingly meets his daughter. Romantic comedy, with Cybill Shepherd.

1.20 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.20** Holby City. (R) **3.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.50** Sooty. (R) **7.05** Fish Hooks. **7.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **7.45** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **9.00** Horrible Science. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** Rugby World Cup. Argentina v Namibia (Kick-off 12.00pm). **2.10** Rugby World Cup. Italy v Romania (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.20** Rugby World Cup. France v Ireland (Kick-off 4.45pm).

6.50 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.55 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The X Factor. Olly Murs and Caroline Flack present the climax of the Six Chair Challenge. Judges Rita Ora, Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini and Nick Grimshaw must each select six acts to take a place in the live shows. However, contestants who put in an impressive performance are not out of the woods, as the judges have the freedom to change their minds at any point in the show.

9.00 Downton Abbey. Tom and Sybbie return to Downton, but the peace is disrupted by an unexpected visit from an old friend. Baxter is faced with a dilemma after an encounter with Sergeant Willis, while Thomas struggles to fill Carson's shoes. Anna goes to London with Mary to deal with a crisis, while her secrets seem likely to be exposed. Daisy is not happy with Cora, and Mary has an admirer.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Rugby World Cup Highlights. Martin Bayfield presents action from the final four pool-stage matches, which were France v Ireland, Argentina v Namibia, Italy v Romania and USA v Japan.

11.15 Perspectives: In Charlie Chaplin's Footsteps. Monty Python star Terry Jones, a long-time fan of silent comedy, offers a personal appraisal of the man who arguably changed the face of film comedy in the 1920s. (R)

12.15 Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.15** Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.45** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.45** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30 Film:** Step Up 3. (2010) Dance drama sequel, starring Rick Malambri. **2.35 Film:** Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events. (2004) Comedy adventure, starring Jim Carrey. **4.40** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **5.40** Homes by the Sea. (R)

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Film: Men in Black 3. (2012) An alien criminal escapes from a prison on the moon and goes back in time on a mission of revenge, changing the course of history. Agent J of the top-secret Earth defence organisation follows him back to 1969, and joins forces with a younger version of his mentor Agent K to set things right. Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith, Josh Brolin and Tommy Lee Jones. Edited for language and violence.

9.00 Homeland. New series. Having left the CIA, Carrie tries to get on with her new life in Berlin but realises she is now the one who is a target and no longer has Saul and Quinn to rely on. Thriller, starring Claire Danes.

10.00 Experimental. Tim Shaw builds a giant catapult to fire Buddy out of and a propelled swivel chair. The duo also head to Georgia to carry out a dangerous stunt testing the science of acceleration.

11.05 Film: Predators. (2010) Hardened fighters from across the globe are taken to an alien jungle planet to become prey in a big-game hunt. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Adrien Brody and Topher Grace.

1.00 Film: Animal Kingdom. (2010) An orphaned teenager is adopted into his grandmother's criminal family, and must decide where his loyalties lie. Crime thriller, with James Frecheville and Guy Pearce. **2.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.35** Fifteen to One. Sandi Toksvig hosts the general knowledge quiz, in which 15 contestants test themselves against their rivals. (R) **5.25** 1001 Things You Should Know. Journalist and presenter Jon Snow and interior designer Celia Sawyer are among the experts challenging three more contestants. Presented by Sandi Toksvig. (R) **5.55** How I Met Your Mother. Barney seduces Marshall's professor. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** Tickety Toc. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.30** Little Princess. (R) **7.45** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.00** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.30** Jelly Jamm. (R) **8.50** LazyTown. (R) **9.15** Dora and Friends. (R) **9.45** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.20** Access. **10.25** Football League Tonight. (R) **11.25 Film:** Hoodwinked. (2005) Animated comedy, with the voice of Anne Hathaway. **12.55 Film:** Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure. (2009) Animated adventure, with the voice of Mae Whitman. **2.30 Film:** Tuck Everlasting. (2002) Disney fantasy, with Alexis Bledel. **4.10 Film:** The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement. (2004) Family comedy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway.

6.20 5 News Weekend.

6.25 Film: The Count of Monte Cristo. (2002) A sailor falls foul of the schemes of his so-called closest friend, and ends up languishing in prison for 13 years, wrongly accused of treason. After spending his sentence plotting revenge on the traitor, he eventually manages to escape and poses as a wealthy nobleman to gain access to his target. Swashbuckling adventure based on the novel by Alexandre Dumas, starring Jim Caviezel, Guy Pearce, Richard Harris and Dagmara Dominczyk.

9.00 Film: Parker. (2013) Premiere. A thief is betrayed and left for dead by his partners in crime. He learns they are planning a diamond heist in a wealthy neighbourhood, so poses as a millionaire wanting to buy a house in the area. A real-estate agent sees through the disguise and helps him get even by stealing the gems from his traitorous gang. Action thriller, with Jason Statham and Jennifer Lopez. Edited for language.

11.25 Film: Layer Cake. (2004) A cocaine dealer planning to go straight is sent to find a mobster's drug-addicted daughter and a stolen shipment of Ecstasy. Crime thriller, with Daniel Craig and Michael Gambon.

1.25 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Super Skyscrapers: Building London's Cheesegrater. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarrm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Formula 1 – Russian Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00 Film:** Scream (1996) **11.45** Family Guy **12.25** American Dad! **12.50** Family Guy **1.10** Together **1.40** Asian Provocateur **2.10** KKK: The Fight for White Supremacy **3.10** Russell Howard's Good News **3.40** Dead Air **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 The Search for Life: The Drake Equation **8.00** Simon Armitage in Conversation with Tony Harrison **9.00** Return to Larkinland **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** Black Roses: The Killing of Sophie Lancaster **11.15** Twin Sisters: A World Apart **12.15 Film:** Storyville: Buck – The Real Horse Whisperer (2011) **1.40** Simon Armitage in Conversation with Tony Harrison **2.40** Black Roses: The Killing of Sophie Lancaster **3.25** Close

ITV2
11.45 The Almost Impossible Gameshow **12.45** Catchphrase **1.30** The Very Best of You've Been Framed! **2.35 Film:** Stormbreaker (2006) **4.25 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **6.15 Film:** Hulk (2003) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00 Film:** Casino Royale (2006) **12.55** Viral Tap **1.40** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.00** Kesha: The Hot Desk **2.10** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
12.25 Lewis **2.25** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.25 Film:** The Prince and the Showgirl (1957) **6.50** Foyle's War **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30** City Lights **11.35 Film:** Death Becomes Her (1992) **1.35** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4
6.30 British Superbike Championship Highlights **7.30** Rugby World Cup. USA v Japan (Kick-off 8.00pm). **10.20 Film:** Invictus (2009) **1.00 Film:** The Dead Pool (1988) **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
2.20 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.30** Couples Come Dine with Me **4.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra (2009) **11.20** The Inbetweeners **12.30** The IT Crowd **1.35** Rude Tube **2.35** Rules of Engagement **3.20** 2 Broke Girls

Film4
11.00 Bugsy Malone (1976) **1.00** Anastasia (1997) **2.55** Pride and Prejudice (2005) **5.25** Evolution (2001) **7.25** The Animal (2001) **9.00** Apocalypto (2006) **11.40** Joy Ride (2001) **1.40** Dogtooth (2009) **3.40** Close

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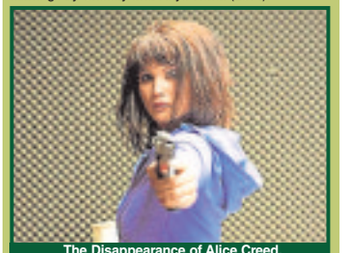
FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
The Good Witch's Gift, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Cassandra Nightingale's fiance proposes and they decide to get married at Christmas – leaving very little time to prepare for the big day. However, their marriage is threatened when a face from the groom's past arrives in town. Family drama sequel, starring Catherine Bell, Chris Potter and Laura Bertram. (2010)

TUESDAY
Good Witch, Bad Witch, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Cassandra Nightingale runs for mayor and considers starting a family, while also receiving a visit from her estranged niece. While seemingly helpful and friendly, the newfound relative is secretly jealous of Cassandra's perfect life and seeks to turn her friends against her. Fourth in the drama series, starring Catherine Bell and Matthew Knight. (2011)

WEDNESDAY
Client Seduction, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A lawyer who has made her career defending wealthy clients decides to perform an act of charity by representing a homeless man accused of murder. However, as the case gets under way, she realises the defendant is guilty, and that he is seducing her daughter as part of a plot to avoid justice. Thriller, starring Ally Sheedy and Rhys Ward. (2014)


The Disappearance of Alice Creed, Friday, BBC1, 11.50pm

THURSDAY
Tombstone, Channel 5, 10pm
Renowned marshal Wyatt Earp becomes a professional gambler in the town of Tombstone, but is forced out of his retirement to take on a gang of hellraising villains no one else is prepared to stand up to. Joining forces with his brothers and drunken gunslinger Doc Holliday, he gets ready to face them in a showdown at the OK Corral. Western, starring Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer and Bill Paxton. (1993)

FRIDAY
The Disappearance of Alice Creed, BBC1, 11.50pm
Two criminals kidnap the daughter of a wealthy family, with the intention of demanding a ransom. However, the hostage is not the helpless victim she appears. Thriller, with Gemma Arterton, Eddie Marsan and Martin Compston. (2009)

River banks on success in his latest murder case

Given the BBC's passion for Euro thrillers such as Spiral, The Killing and Wallander, it was inevitable that we'd see more dramas mixed the best talent from here and there.

And when it comes to A-list Scandinavian talent, you don't get much better than Stellan Skarsgård.

Okay, some of his dad dancing in Mamma Mia may have been questionable, but his string of credits, from Good Will Hunting and the US version of Girl With The Dragon Tattoo have helped make him one of Hollywood's go-to guys when searching for Swedish talent.

Here he plays John River, a brilliant but troubled police officer, while Nicola Walker almost steals the show as his late colleague, Detective Sergeant Jackie 'Stevie' Stevenson, a lover of cheesy music and fast food.

When a murder suspect jumps to his death while being pursued by River, the pressure and scrutiny that surrounds him escalates fast.

As the investigation into Stevie's murder begins to reveal her deepest secrets, our hero has to question everything he thought he knew about his friend.

Stellan admits it's not the easiest of dramas to sum up.

"If it was a normal TV series it would be rather easy to tell you about it but it's not and that's why I'm in it," he explains. "You could say it's a crime story on the surface, but it's really more about a person's breakdown or his psychological status."

All brilliant TV detectives need a gimmick, whether it's Fitz's gambling or Ironside's wheelchair, and John River's selling point is his fractured mental state.

"We've heard a lot about people that hear voices, but he actually sees those people as well that he's talking to, and very often it is victims of crime that pop up and have conversations with him. They're not like ghosts, they're his own creations."

Penned by acclaimed writer Abi Morgan, one of the brains behind Shame, The Iron Lady, and new movie Suffragette, her script was a key reason the actor signed up.

"I took the job for her writing because it doesn't look like anything else," explains Stellan. "Her writing is not linear. It's more filled with odd impulses.

"It throws you from one thought to another thought in a less organised way, and to me that resembles life much more than a lot of the writing you get which is extremely structured and polished and is by the book of 'How to Write a Screenplay."

Obviously cast and crew are hoping the series proves a hit, but as four of Skarsgård's recent films grossed more than $4billion between them, and with more helpings of Thor and Avengers on the way, finding time to make series two might be a little tricky.

However, with a fine supporting cast, including Adeel Akhtar as Detective Sergeant Ira King; Lesley Manville as Chief Inspector Chrissie Read, and Eddie Marsan as a killer who harasses the eponymous crime buster, hopefully this is one River that will run and run.

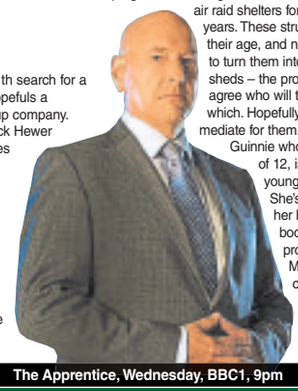
Stellan Skarsgard stars in River, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The Great British Bake Off - Masterclass
BBC2, 7pm
If you're one of the millions of viewers who have spent the past few weeks marvelling over The Great British Bake Off, then the likes of Nadiya Jamir Hussain, Tamal Ray and Ian Cumming have become minor yet worthy TV stars. Chances are their skills in the GBBO tent may have inspired you to dig out that dusty cake tin and have a go at your own adventures in the kitchen. Of course, inspiration is one thing, but good, solid guidance doesn't hurt either, and that's where this series comes in handy. 'Proving' they know what they're talking about, no-nonsense judges Paul Hollywood (aka 'the male judge') and Mary Berry take over the tent to demonstrate how the contest's challenges should be done with a series of tutorials.

TUESDAY
Girls to Men
Channel 4, 10pm
Channel 4's Born in the Wrong Body strand, which explores the lives of young transgender people in Britain and America, continues. This time, the spotlight falls on the experiences of three young Britons, who have opted to undergo extraordinary surgical procedures to fulfil their dreams of living as men. Making use of unprecedented access to the operating theatre, the film outlines the surgeons remove breasts and craft functioning penises for their patients. The documentary also explores the confident online community of young trans men, who have started to bare all on social media.

WEDNESDAY
The Apprentice
BBC1, 9pm
New series. Alan Sugar begins his 11th search for a new business partner, offering the hopefuls a £250,000 investment in a new start-up company. This year, Claude Littner replaces Nick Hewer as Lord Sugar's new advisor and 'eyes and ears' alongside Karren Brady. As usual, the millionaire gives the candidates his introductory pep talk, after which the entrepreneurs are divided into teams for the first task – selling two fish-based products to hungry Londoners. The pressure to perform is on, and the contestants are reminded of just how unforgiving the process is when they arrive in the boardroom, where the challenge is picked apart and one candidate is fired.


The Apprentice, Wednesday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY
George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
Channel 4, 8pm
Two sheds have got to be better than one, right? Well, not for a couple featured in this week's programme. Their garden has been the home of two air raid shelters for more than 70 years. These structures are showing their age, and now the owners want to turn them into rather swanky sheds – the problem is, they can't agree who will take charge of which. Hopefully George can mediate for them. Also appearing is Guinnie who, at the tender age of 12, is the series' youngest-ever designer. She's getting help from her builder dad to turn a book-based school project into a reality. Meanwhile, master craftsman Will Hardie visits a beach hut worth £1million and continues work on his and George's rather more modest project; George himself takes another trip to Germany to see how a water tower has been turned into a luxury home.

FRIDAY
TFI Friday
Channel 4, 8pm
New series. Chris Evans follows up his one-off edition aired in June, with the first of a brand new series of the lively entertainment show mixing music and chat with stunts and skits, proving that the 'farewell-to-all-that' nature of the previous offering was a little premature. Despite ongoing commitments to Radio 2 and now BBC Two's Top Gear, the host has managed to find time to schedule eight new programmes into his diary, and it will be interesting to see whether the unpredictable, wild nature of the former incarnation can be replicated on an ongoing basis.

Piers Morgan's Life Stories
ITV, 9pm
Warwick Davis, who stands at 3ft 6, talks to Piers about his life and career, which includes supporting roles in both the Harry Potter and Star Wars films. The actor and presenter opens up about the struggles he and his wife Sam faced when starting a family.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. To erect or bring to the ground, we hear (5)
8. Away from home to view the prospect (7)
9. Runner allowed in different heat (7)
10. Military body - almost a dead one! (5)
12. Thrifty result of revising coal income (10)
15 & 18Ac. Do they sell fingers for watches? (6-4,5)
18. See 15 Across
19. Keeping your head down for immersion (7)
21. Business enterprise produces anxiety (7)
22. Indicate the policeman's duty (5)

Down

1. Radio engagements for extensive groups of actors (10)
2. Having drunk too much in need of relaxation? (5)
3. By Jove, she'll be found among the bearers! (4)
4. Up-to-date style by the Royal Navy (6)
5. Cattle drover - or store-keeper? (8)
6. It's not wrong to mete out punishment (7)
11. What a monopolistic fishmonger has! (4,6)
13. Care isn't used when container is upset (8)
14. The tale of a nobleman, we hear (7)
16. Not revealing chastisement (6)
17. I'm twice returning to the capital of China to take off (5)
20. Successfully handle clerical vestment (4)

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Quick Clues:

Across

7. Compel (5)
8. Fatty (7)
9. Specimen (7)
10. Boundary (5)
12. Nonconformity (10)
15. Star-gazer (10)
18. Spare (5)
19. Good health (7)
21. Food principle (7)
22. Position (5)

Down

1. Womanish (10)
2. Big (5)
3. Aid (4)
4. Bets (6)
5. Force out (8)
6. Note (7)
11. Intruder (10)
13. Solitary (8)
14. Post (7)
16. Affront (6)
17. Kingly (5)
20. Kind (4)

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Conspires; 8 Ran; 9 Drop of water; 11 Pattern; 12 Rinse; 13 Reform; 15 Serene; 17 Irons; 18 Instead; 20 Night-porter; 22 Odd; 23 Solitaire. Down: 2 Oar; 3 Phone; 4 Rowing; 5 Set free; 6 Arrangement; 7 In the lead; 10 Out of bounds; 11 Perdition; 14 Resigns; 16 Pistol; 19 Stout; 21 Ear. QUICK - Across: 1 Courtship; 8 Ego; 9 Replacement; 11 Breathe; 12 Error; 13 United; 15 Renown; 17 Draws; 18 Elevate; 20 Earnestness; 22 Sin; 23 Determine. Down: 2 Ode; 3 Tract; 4 Heeded; 5 Precede; 6 Deteriorate; 7 Coherence; 10 Predicament; 11 Boundless; 14 Ensured; 16 Revert; 19 Enter; 21 Son.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. In which year did The Independent newspaper launch in the UK?
2. Who was Australian P.M. from 1949-66?
3. Who was Foreign Secretary in the 1974-6 Wilson government?
4. Which composer wrote the ballet Billy The Kid?
5. Which dwarf planet was discovered in 1930 by Clyde Tombaugh?
6. Who was the Roman goddess of the dawn?
7. Between which two islands is the Denmark Strait?
8. What is the Arabian camel also known as?
9. Which Italian modern art movement was initiated by Marinetti?
10. Who wrote the novel Washington Square?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 John Adams; 2 Tigris; 3 Konstantin Chernenko; 4 Paul Dukas; 5 A hooped petticoat; 6 William Schwenk; 7 1956; 8 Charles de Gaulle; 9 St. Andrews; 10 A revolving tray for holding condiments.

Niner: DISCOVERY

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

6878 gives a London district,
9194 gives a London gallery,
28536 gives a London sports venue.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Extended three-bedroom house with kitchen diner

AN extended three-bedroomed family home in Eggington Road, Stourbridge, comes with a re-fitted kitchen/dining area and a rear garden.

Also with a garage and off-road parking for several cars, it is for sale through Hicks Hadley at £329,950.

With gas central heating and double glazing it has an entrance hall with original parquet flooring, a WC, a lounge with a diamond shaped feature window, leaded bay window and a feature fireplace. There is a sitting room with wooden floor and French doors, an integrated dishwasher, washing machine, tumble dryer, cooker space, ceramic flooring.

Bedroom one has wardrobes, there are two further bedrooms and a re-fitted bathroom with a shower over bath and heated towel rail.

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Open day chance to view stunning home

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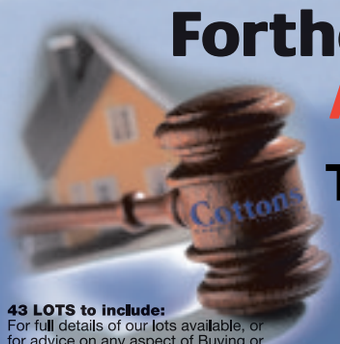

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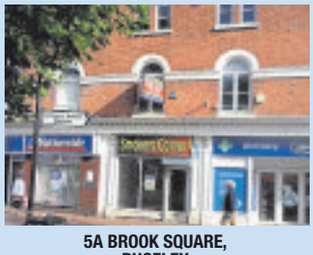

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Bike can cover continents

By John Griffiths

Adventure bikes are very much model of the moment (or perhaps even the decade) as more and more riders opt for this type of machine – and manufacturers chase sales by creating more and more choice.

We can all speculate on the reasons. There was Ewan McGregor and Charlie Boorman's round the world trip, or (visit any bikers' cafe) and it seems the 'average' biker is, erm, more mature these days and appreciates comfort rather than ultimate performance.

Adventure bikes are almost universally taller than the average bike, offering excellent views and comfortable, upright riding positions on large, soft seats.

There's the extra ground clearance, too, for off-road capability although I'm not sure how many riders actually tackle anything like Boorman and McGregor's 'Road of Bones.'

Honda's stable currently holds five adventure machines, from a 250 to a 1200, and there's a sixth, an all-new, more powerful Africa twin on the way.

The flagship is the £12,399 Crosstourer which can truly be described as unique: it's the only adventure bike with V4 power with arguably the most sophisticated motorcycle gearbox on the market – a six speed, dual clutch auto similar to that made popular by a German car brand.

Both, in their way, contribute to the sort of relaxed riding experience you'd expect of an adventure bike crossed with a tourer and intended for long distances rather than a blast to the local cafe.

The Crosstourer is based on the VFR1200, albeit with longer travel suspension, larger wheels and dual purpose tyres typical of the adventure breed. The engine is also retuned, producing less overall power (still a more than adequate 127bhp) but more torque at lower engine speeds (126Nm at 6,500rpm). Indeed, the sheer muscle available at low engine speeds is a notable characteristic of this bike – it's impressively responsive from the moment you open the throttle but the power delivery is smooth and progressive.

I didn't get a chance to try it, but it does convey the feeling that the addition of a pillion passenger and luggage just wouldn't phase the Crosstourer at all. Well, that is what it's built for.

I've used Honda's gem of a gearbox before, on smaller bikes, but it really does suit this V4 behemoth very well indeed. You have two settings – drive, which is designed for economy and the more responsive 'sport' mode. The latter is better suited to the twisty bits, as closing the throttle will cause downchanges as you set up for a corner.

Or you can use the up/down buttons on the left grip with thumb or finger to select gears manually. The changes are very smooth indeed, and the system is actually quicker than most riders could achieve with a conventional clutch and toe lever. One of the benefits of shaft drive means no chain 'snatch' either.

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To a traditional biker it seems almost counter-intuitive to rely on an auto (remembering those CVT scooters of our past) but this is a very different kettle of fish. Having now ridden bikes of greatly varying performance with this system, I am very much a convert.

Switchable traction control and Honda's combined braking system with ABS are there to enhance stability under acceleration and braking, even on poor road surfaces.

The Crosstourer is undoubtedly a big bike: I confess its seat height of 850mm put it on the edge of rideability for a 5ft 10ins pilot like me.

At 275kg it's not lightweight, either, but once on the move, even at crawling pace, it doesn't really make itself known. Indeed, this Honda is perhaps one of the most well-balanced and stable bikes to ride at low speeds in traffic, particularly for filtering.

You wouldn't expect a machine so tall and heavy to handle with the flickability of a sports bike, but it requires little physical effort to sweep majestically through the bends without feeling top-heavy.

The instruments include digital speedo and tachometer plus (pretty important for an auto) a gear indicator and a comprehensive trip meter. Based on its readout I averaged between 43 and 44mpg with the Crosstourer, which means a reasonable range with its 21.5 litre fuel tank.

You sit tall and with a straight back between the wide bars, and on a particularly soft and well-padded seat. The standard screen (a taller option is available) together with the bikini fairing offers plenty of protection from the elements, and handguards are standard.

The pillion passenger gets a nicely proportioned seat, too, along with grab handles and a luggage rack is also fitted as standard. A range of luggage is on the options list. The Crosstourer is one of a kind, and it's a bike designed to 'go the distance'. Whether or not users venture off-road (I would imagine its weight would make it a bit of a handful for many on rough ground) it is a consummate touring machine which offers a different experience to the VFR1200 on which it is based.

Everything about it, from the extra mid-range grunt of the fuel-injected V4 and that superb auto transmission to the excellent riding position, make it the sort of bike to just eat up the miles on motorways or mountain roads. It's about real-world performance combined with long-distance comfort for the sort of bike to cover continents.

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Discoing across France

By Ian Donaldson

Make a mental list of the ideal car for a couple of weeks – and nearly 2,000 miles – of motoring through France and you would probably not put a Land Rover Discovery at the top.

Too big, too thirsty and not much fun to drive might be your leading demerits as you mentally pencilled in something much smaller and more sensible.

Well, I would have done precisely the same before clambering up (and it is a bit of climb) into the Discovery's cockpit. But I would have been wrong in the most pleasantly surprising of ways...

For starters, it's not too big. A tape measure shows the Disco looks bigger than it is. For instance, a Vauxhall Insignia Tourer estate is longer than this solidly built off-roader and only a couple of inches less wide.

And the Disco comes with a couple of advantages that other 4x4s tend to share and which makes owners love them for their surprising everyday practicality.

Building them tall and square makes them easier to steer a path through both urban jungle and the real thing, should you go off-roading in deepest Borneo. Not that, at £59,970 for this priciest version, you'd ever want to.

Then, thanks to an optional £740 pack on the test car, a clever tweak with a couple of tiny cameras made things easier still. They show where the front wheels are in relation to the kerb, so approaching a French autoroute toll booth on the 'wrong side' was a simple matter of keeping an eye on the dashboard screen.

Bright sunlight sometimes blotted out the image but mostly it worked well and saved potential contact between the Discovery's handsome (and expensive) 20ins alloy wheels and hard bits of roadside France.

So, the car did not feel too big. Certainly not too big for all the luggage two people need (apparently) for a couple of weeks in France, which almost filled the huge boot but left enough space for a stop at Calais for - you've guessed – a box or two of wine.

Not too big to fit comfortably into the giant hold of P&O's Spirit of Britain which took us across the Channel and back and made the journey feel like a proper holiday.

Then, to the thirst of the engine which has to pull one of the heaviest cars you can buy. The Discovery's immense off-road strength is down in part to a chassis built like a tank and the whole caboodle weighs an immense 2570kgs – or more than two-and-a-half times the weight of a Ford Fiesta.

That means the 3.0 litre diesel has to work for a living, which made the 31.6mpg recorded over more than 1,900 miles of holiday travel look the right side of reasonable. Factor in the cheapness of diesel in France, at about 82p a litre and the Discovery was hitting a UK wallet at the equivalent of about 43 miles to the gallon. Result, I'd say.

'Two weeks after stepping up into the Discovery I was sad to see it go – here is a car that genuinely exceeded my expectations by a country mile.'

The engine also contributes to the easy-going nature of the car, slurring smoothly through the eight-speed automatic gearbox and providing the sort of mid-range pull that could easily surprise a dawdling Frenchman (and did, once or twice).

Riding high and carrying all that weight is no recipe for grand prix-style road manners but the Discovery made mincemeat of the deliciously empty and smoothly surfaced highways of France – and side roads almost comically good to explore in comparison to poor pockmarked, overloaded Britain.

Two more aids to stress free jaunts abroad are found by digging gently into the dashboard display where, with a few clicks of the button on the steering wheel, the digital speed display switches to kilometres an hour and the headlights set themselves to dip on the 'French' side of the road.

Two weeks after first stepping up into the Discovery I was sad to see it go – here is a car that genuinely exceeded my expectations by a country mile – or a French kilometre.

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Curtain calls for DB9 GT

By Matt Joy

There's a great number of new things on the horizon for Aston Martin; a new Bond film, a new generation of cars and a new partnership with AMG, all of which are brimming with promise for the British manufacturer.

These things are still to come however, and in the meantime, the car that began the Aston Martin rival has been refreshed.

This GT version is the final hurrah for the DB9, the V12 grand tourer that has best encapsulated the notion of a modern Aston Martin in the 21st Century. The GT receives unique alloy wheels, black detailing to the front and rear aerodynamic elements, black brake callipers and detail changes to the head and tail lights. The long-serving 6.0-litre engine gets a power boost too.

Given its age it is remarkable how little the DB9's shape has changed over the last decade, but that is a testament to just how pretty it was in the first place. The subtle enhancements of this GT version are just that; welcome, but just fresh icing on a delicious cake. The black-finished front splitter and rear diffuser are nice touches and the new wheels are a delight.

Those looks are still guaranteed to turn heads, which is part of the reason it has such a fantastic image. British, stylish and relatively discreet – just like a certain secret agent.

James Bond would buy one if he didn't get an Aston in his company car scheme

The DB9 is better than it used to be in this respect, although it's best suited to two adults with the possible occasional inclusion of a pair of small children. It's a grand tourer in the traditional sense, so there's an intimate cabin for the two up front and 155 litres of space for your weekend luggage in the boot, and use the rear seats for odds and ends. The latest infotainment upgrade is a welcome addition too, with better responses and more features than before.

The DB9 GT isn't just a high performance grand tourer, it is a car that delivers a genuine sense of occasion. Sliding behind the wheel into the beautifully finished cabin makes you feel special; firing up the V12 engine confirms it.

Driven sensibly, the DB9 GT is low effort and comfortable. The ride is well judged, keeping everything level and stable but filtering out road pimples, while the automatic gearbox marshals the huge amount of torque on offer. Squeeze the accelerator gently and there's a seemingly infinite amount of urge available, all delivered without any fuss.

Really press on and the DB9 GT is ready to play. It's a relatively big car but there's three damper settings and three for the stability control too, and should you be feeling brave and talented, it will play the hooligan. As fast (if not faster) than you could possibly need in the UK and beyond, it is a car that delights in so many ways.

The question of value operates in reverse when discussing a luxury car; it's not so much whether the car is worth the money, but how often does the car remind you how much it is worth? In the case of the DB9 GT, that is on a regular basis. The quality of the materials is superb; flawless stitching in the beautiful leather, glinting chrome and carpet you want to dig bare feet into. The short of it is you will never feel short-changed for your £140,000.

James Bond would buy one if he didn't get an Aston in his company car scheme, but for us mortals at least, the DB9 should either be in your underground garage or a poster on your bedroom wall. It's become an Aston Martin icon in its own lifetime, and while there is a new car on the horizon, it has some spectacularly large shoes to fill. There will be faint tears when it finally moves on.

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Package that does not fail to impress

By Sharon Walters

I dislike being asked for personal recommendations on what cars friends should buy. Most of the time you ask them for a 'wish' list to assess what you believe would be the ideal, or near ideal, package to suit their needs and there's usually something that they don't like with the cars you suggest. "What?" is the exclaimed response, "I could never drive that." And the reason is usually down to the badge on the bonnet. Not what you get for the money.

And that badge on the bonnet is usually down to the price they are prepared to pay. Yes, they could have a more prestigious car if they were prepared or could afford to pay several thousand pounds more. But in all likelihood they wouldn't necessarily get a better vehicle, they would merely massage their own snobbery.

The one exception to all this is in the executive or performance car brackets. In both you have to fork out to get what you want.

However on rare occasions friends have reacted far more favourably if I have suggested, say a Kia, Skoda or Suzuki. And if they have actually got behind the wheel to test one out they have usually bought. So it was with three friends who tried out Hyundai and were totally won over. One is even on her third now.

Top of my current list for personal recommendation in the mid-sized/company car bracket is the latest i40 which more than gives opposition such as the Mondeo and Passat a run for their money. In fact, I gave a motoring writer colleague, who hasn't been behind the wheel of a Hyundai lately, a lengthy lift in one recently and he was genuinely surprised at the quality, ride and performance – not to mention the price. And he is a man who is not easily pleased when judging four wheels.

There's a choice of four trim levels – S, SE, Nav, SE (Nav Business and Premium) – with three engines available that benefit from Hyundai's efficient Blue Drive technologies – a 1.7-litre diesel with an output of 115PS with six speed manual transmission, a 1.7-litre diesel with an output of 141PS and six speed transmission and a 1.7-litre diesel engine delivering up to 141PS with seven speed DCT.

Features

This year's upgrade also includes refreshed styling with a new front grille and front bumper with reshaped front and rear lights, new transmission, improved ride and handling and a number of new safety and convenience features.

Prices start at £19,600 for the entry level S trim on the i40 saloon, which includes standard features such as 16in alloy wheels, Bluetooth connectivity, air conditioning, leather-wrapped steering wheel, automatic headlights with dusk sensor and steering wheel audio with telephone controls.

The SE Nav trim level is new and includes standard fitment of Hyundai's capable touchscreen satellite navigation with rear view parking camera and parking guidance system. Priced from £21,600, the SE Nav adds to the S-model's specification with DAB radio, auto-dimming rear-view mirror, climate control with auto defog, heated front seats, LED front fog lights and a seven-speaker sounds system. This trim level can be enhanced further in the SE Nav Business model, from £23,100, with keyless smart entry with start/stop button and driver's seat memory function.

The range topping Premium models, start at £25,600, feature 18in alloy wheels, panoramic sunroof with electric tilt and slide, luggage net, super vision instrument cluster with LCD colour display and lane departure warning.

As standard, all i40s get seven airbags, electronic brake-force distribution, an electronic stability programme, hill start assist and a tyre pressuring monitoring system, while a lane departure warning system with lane keep assist comes with Premium trim. The i40 performed well in the Euro NCAP crash safety tests, getting a maximum five-star rating.

I spent a week in the SL SE Nav 1.7 CRDI 141PS saloon and covered just about every type of road from lanes to the rich man's motorway (the M6 toll road!) and filled it up with friends for a night out to see how it performed when loaded up.

My only adverse comment was the boot access and size but we all have to compromise from time to time.

Instrumentation was intuitive and didn't need you to reach for the instruction manual very often, plus it was a quality finish as were areas like the door finish, seat coverings and steering wheel.

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Giving rivals run for money

By John Griffiths

Kadjar . . . it's an unusual name which will make you think. And that's good for Renault because its new model is certainly worth a second look.

For the Kadjar is big brother to the Captur, Renault's first crossover which in three years has become Europe's best-seller in the highly competitive b-segment SUV market.

The new car is based on the larger Megane platform, as is its close relation the popular Nissan Qashai which ironically will be one of its main rivals.

It has chunky yet aerodynamic styling, the interior space and practicality of an estate car and, on top specification models the option of all wheel drive. Plus it has that high, 'command' driving position which is one reason SUVs now account for 27 per cent of all sales for this size of family car.

While beauty is in the eye of the beholder, the new Kadjar has curvy, contemporary styling with its origins unmistakable.

It's also roomy, with space for five adults (including six-footers in the back) plus one of the biggest cargo boots in its class.

But it's clear Renault, as something of a latecomer to the market, is once again out to capture sales from rivals such as the Qashqai and Kuga as prices are very competitive.

There are 18 versions costing from £17,995 to £21,695 which, like for like model is up to £2,000 less than its rivals, and along with a thrifty range of engines will also impact on tax bills for company drivers.

When you first get behind the wheel of a Kadjar it conveys the feeling that this is a big car, and a well equipped one too (starting with the utra clear virtual instrument display).

The seats (back as well as front) are soft and sculpted, while the high seating position and large areas of glass – including a 'third row' window in the c-piillar – offer outstanding visibility, Within seconds, you feel this is a nice place to be: it is a 'feel good' car.

There are two diesel options, a 1.6 litre 130Ps version which packs plenty of punch and a 1.5 litre which still performs well on the road but is more economical, capable according to official figures of averaging 74.3mpg with either six-speed manual or automatic gearboxes, with a tax-busting 99g/km of CO2 emissions. The 130Ps engine has an advantage for acceleration and overtaking but, on two-wheel drive models, still results in an average 65.7mpg and a low 113g/km of CO2.

You do soon appreciate the hefty 320Nm of torque at a low 1,750rpm, which means the 130Ps-equipped Kadjar pulls strongly in every gear for relaxed but satisfying driving.

Balanced against its greater economy, the lower-powered 1.5 litre diesel loses out a little on acceleration, but it still does 0 to 62 in under 12 seconds. Perhaps more relevant to most drivers, it cruises at motorway speeds with a quiet and relaxed demeanour.

If you want the four wheel drive option, this is only available with the higher specification versions and the 130Ps diesel.

There is a three-position selector button – 'auto' for slippery roads when the electronics split the torque between front and rear axles according to conditions, 'lock' which puts the system in full-time four wheel drive if you venture off-road and the third option of front wheel drive only, to save fuel in normal road driving.

The petrol option sounds tiny for a car of this class – just 1.2 litres – but it is Renault's already proven turbocharged power plant, It's been revamped to produce a faster pick-up and response, and with 130PS matches the typical two-litre, normally aspirated petrol engine of just a few years ago.

While the Kadjar is relatively tall, with the advantages of visibility and ease of access, suspension and steering are tuned primarily for road use which make it feel as nimble as a typical saloon or estate rival.

There's no sense that this is an SUV with harsh, long travel suspension, and the electric power steering is progressively weighed so you can turn in with confidence and precision, and without any anticipation of unsettling body roll. The power steering and big wheel arches allow a tight turning circle of well under 11 metres, which combined with the all-round visibility make the Kadjar easy to handle around town.

The car has already been awarded a maximum five stars for safety, and comes with a range of features from six airbags to stability, traction and understeer control systems, hill start assist, ABS and emergency brake assist..

As you go up the range and price ladder, other features such as parking sensors, lane departure warning and automatic parking assist systems are available,

Inside, the Kadjar's virtual instrument display are a model of clarity, with all models getting a seven-inch touchscreen display for audio, communications and other functions including navigation, where fitted.

The 190mm ride height does allow four wheel drive Kadjars to venture off hard-surfaces, and 4x4 models also get front and rear skid plates to protect the bodywork.

After its success in the marketplace for smaller crossovers, Renault has plenty of reasons to be confident that Kadjar can do the same against established rivals in what is, to them, a new sector.

A modern, trendy-looking and roomy car with all the attributes that attract such a large number of drivers to the SUV sector is a good place to start, to say nothing of engines offering a good balance of performance and economy. And, of course, that competitive price tag which will have some rivals nervously biting their nails.

And Kadjar? Well, after over a century of car making it must be a) tough to find a name no-one else has used and b) in a global market one which doesn't translate into something terribly embarrasing in another language (yes, we all know one or two of those).

So the official explanation is 'kad' is inspired by quad (something driven by four wheels or legs) and 'jar' from the French word jaillir which means to emerge quickly.

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Motorhome adventure

By Paul Naylor

Earlier this year I enjoyed my first experience at the wheel of a motorhome. Never one to do things by half, I opted for a rather sizeable vehicle for a novice – the Swift Lifestyle 686.

Coach-built utilising the new generation Fiat Euro 5+ Chassis Cab, the 130bhp/ 2.3 litre engine provided plenty of pulling power for the close to seven metre in length motorhome.

I found the Lifestyle 686 surprisingly easy to manoeuvre. Its power steering is light and responsive and the gear ratios very similar to my own car, with the added bonus of a sixth gear.

There is a rear window, but if you do ever find yourself at the wheel of a motorhome, I can't recommend enough the brilliant optional extra that this model had.

A rear camera acts as the mirror. The image, super-imposed over the actual rear view mirror, provided a natural feeling of added safety.

There is of course, as you would expect these days, a reversing camera too.

The updated 2015 model comes with a host of additional features including running lights and a new smart construction with a strong, moisture proof PURe polyurethane timberless framed body shell.

A new fully integrated touch screen console has a great satellite navigation system as well as DAB radio, CD and MP3 player with bluetooth. The DAB aerial is concealed in the mirror.

Drivers will be delighted to hear that the captain's chairs have integrated headrest, wider backrest, better side support and improved seat comfort.

I was particularly taken by the aesthetics of the 686. It's new metallic black cab and colour coded bumper give it a sleeker appearance, easily distinguishing it from the passing 'white-van man'.

For added comfort, automatic cab air-conditioning is included and the tyre pressure monitoring system is sure to become a must have.

Add to the mix an external shower point – ideal for muddy boots – and barbecue point, for those wanting to eat out in style, and you have a fantastic vehicle ready for all occasions.

Contemporary

The Lifestyle 686 has a superb interior. Finished in tasteful biscuit and cream hues, when dressed in its daytime mode it is reminiscent of a contemporary static caravan.

To the front of the vehicle, situated just behind the cab, a kitchen area includes fridge with small freezer box, microwave, oven and hob.

Opposite is a dining area, ideal for four people. To the rear is the lounge, with ample space for the 686's maximum occupancy of six.

An additional table means you have dining options to the front and rear of the vehicle.

As you would imagine, storage space is cleverly integrated throughout, with nooks and crannies, plus under-seat compartments allowing you to take plenty of clothing on your adventures.

The bathroom is a good-size, with a moulded shower and vanity wash basin and chemical toilet adding to the comfort of any off-the-beaten-track stay.

And speaking of such things, the disposal of the chemical toilet waste – and indeed waste water from showering and washing the dishes – is both discreet and easily done.

My children were big fans of the awning.

'With so much to offer it truly is a great choice for families looking to hit the road.'

The winding mechanism and easy to construct legs gave the 686 added kudos, making it twice as wide on completion and way more versatile.

We found converting the 686 at night time easy too. If you need to sleep six there is space for two above the cabin and two further double beds can be converted from the dining area seats and lounge area.

Privacy can be added using a combination of blinds and curtains.

With so much to offer it truly is a great choice for families looking to hit the road for many a motorhome adventure.

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Baggies stars in injuries sweat

FOUR of Albion's international stars are struggling with injuries ahead of crucial games for their respective countries – Darren Fletcher, Jonny Evans, James Morrison and Gareth McAuley.

Fletcher and McAuley both managed to play 90 minutes in the 2-0 defeat to Crystal Palace despite picking up knocks, but Evans (hamstring) and Morrison (ankle) limped off.

The players were being assessed before decisions were made on their involvement.

Tony Pulis said everything would be done to give them a chance to play.

"Whether those two will travel, I'm not sure," Pulis said of Morrison and Evans. "The home nations, we want to help them as much as we can, so fingers crossed they will be okay.

"If they are anywhere near it, we will give them a chance to play.

Morrison is suspended for Scotland's first match, against Poland. They then face Gibraltar at Hampden Park.

And, if fit, that may open up a door of opportunity for Fletcher, who has started just one of Scotland's Euro 2016 qualifiers.

Boss Gordon Strachan has expressed sympathy with Fletcher's plight, having experienced a similar trajectory when, like Fletcher, his international caps dried up after leaving Manchester United.

Strachan said Fletcher was very much part of his plans.

"I think if you asked Darren if he has improved over the last six months he would say: 'Yes'," Strachan added. "If you asked people at West Brom has he improved? Yes. It was only games he was needing.

"Players like Alan Hutton don't need many games but Darren needed them, physically and mentally. And he has got there now.

"He is a big part of what West Brom do. And he is also enjoying the responsibility that Tony Pulis has given him. He's definitely in the plans. He has been brilliant with us. It has been hard for him and I understand that."

Rangers leave Tivs behind in Trophy run

Stafford Rangers 3 Tividale 1

STAFFORD boss Neil Kitching was delighted with his side's performance against a Tividale side who posed some problems.

It was not all plain sailing for Rangers as Tividale equalised in the FA Trophy tie after conceding an early goal.

Kitching said: "Tividale are not a bad side; their league position might not suggest that, but I know they have good players and good management.

"So it was never going to be easy even being one up but I thought generally we dominated the game, played really well and particularly in the first half played some great football."

Rangers threatened to run away with the game early on, Neil Harvey heading in on 12 minutes with Tividale not really having been out of their own half.

But the visitors shocked them two minutes later when former Rangers forward Chris Sterling produced a neat finish after Mark Danks had played him in.

Rangers had most of the play in the rest of the first half but didn't regain the lead until the 49th minute when Peter Till's corner was not dealt with by the Tividale defence and Leon Miles scored from close range.

Tividale were not finished though and Sterling saw a shot well blocked by goalkeeper Adam Whitehouse, who also tipped over a Danks free-kick.

But it was game over on 75 minutes when Jake Jones, newly signed from Leamington, netted with a fierce shot.

Stafford host Lincoln United in the next round.

Letford douses the flames for Phoenix

Walsall Phoenix Ladies 0
Gornal Ladies Open Age 6

UNDEFEATED Gornal travel to Aldridge to face the tough Walsall side looking for the revenge after the mauling they received last times these two sides met Birmingham County Womens League Division 2.

Gornal got off to a very poor start, with poor passing and communication allowing the home side to have opportunities.

An early substitution and a slight change in play resulted in Gornal taking control and had several opportunities to score first.

A pass down the left flank by Gemma Moss-Hamill released winger Chelsea Fellows whose cross was met by Katie Moore on the edge of the six-yard box but the keeper covered well forcing her to screw her shot wide.

Rachel Letford then laid the ball off to Lauren Keen whose 20-yard effort went harmlessly over the bar.

Gornal pressure began to tell and Lauren Keen laid an inviting pass into the path of Letford who slotted calmly past the advancing keeper.

Five minutes later Gemma Moss from a throw in gave the ball to Letford who, with some nice footwork, volleyed it into the top corner and four minutes before half time a 25-yard shot from a free kick by Beth Arrowsmith was spilled by the keeper and Gemma Hamill Moss was first to react to bury it into the net.

Defending

In the second half Walsall had more chances but some fine defending by the impressive back four meant keeper Sam Brough wasn't required to make a save and this was the cornerstone which gave the Gornal Lionesses their fourth clean sheet in five games.

Letford was to be on the score sheet another three times, firstly with a downward header from an in swinging Arrowsmith Corner.

Her fourth goal and Gornal's fifth was from great work down the left by Chelsea Fellows and Gornal saved the best for last.

Gemma Hamill-Moss who provided a return pass to Moore to run onto passing into Keen to take the initial shot which was saved by the keeper only for Letford to score her fifth goal.

Enville's team spirit grabs title

Back from left, Kevin Brandrick, Rob Wilkinson, Pete Beaman, Michael Gilmer, Garry Brandrick, Phil Oliver, Dave Lee, Ellis Chen, Ian Harris. Front, from left Lyndon Cartwright, Nick Adams (captain), Jon Haynes, Ormond Lews

ENVILLE Golf Club skipper Nick Adams has hailed the 'fantastic team spirit' after his side captured the West Midlands League title.

The South Staffordshire-based side trumped 34 other sides to claim the trophy for just the second time in the competition's history.

They defeated county neighbours Druids Heath 3-1 in a nail-biting final at Hollywood Golf Club in Birmingham to cap a superb campaign which began in April. The competition is played in a four-ball better ball match-play format.

Delighted team captain Adams said: "It is a fantastic feeling to have brought something like this back to Enville."

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Against Druids Heath, Jon Haynes and Ellis Chen triumphed in game one against Nigel Harris and Andrew Thacker, winning 1up while Rob Wilkinson and Garry Brandrick took game two 2&1 against John Penrose and Dean Megan.

David Lee and Phil Oliver won game four 4&3 against Tom Price and Tim Beard. Michael Gilmer and Lyndon Cartwright lost game three to Derek Thomas and Jason Romney 5&4.

Gray day for Leeds as Blues take the points

Leeds 0 Blues 2

ENGLAND Under-21 coach Gareth Southgate watched Demarai Gray underline his rich potential with a goal and a sparkling performance as Blues maintained their fine start to the Championship season.

Substitute Jacques Maghoma raced through the centre of the Leeds defence to score a fine individual goal in the 90th minute to leave Leeds without a home win for seven months.

There was ample young talent on view but Gray, named in the England Under-20 squad for next week's Mercedes-Benz Elite Cup competition in Germany, was outstanding.

He received a deserved ovation from Blues' travelling fans when he made way for Viv Soloman-Otabor with nine minutes left.

Gray gave an early warning by going close in the seventh minute with a low angled shot which zipped outside the far post.

Maikel Kieftenbeld could not connect properly with a header after Jonathan Grounds and David Cotterill combined to cause Leeds' defence more anxiety.

When Gray's goal arrived in the 31st minute the chance was presented to him on a plate.

A mix-up between Liam Cooper and Sol Bamba at the heart of the home defence left Gray with time and space to lash the ball past stranded keeper Marco Silvestri with Leeds appealing in vain for a foul.

It was Gray's first goal for Blues this season and followed his strike for England's Under-20s last month. Blues made the points safe with Maghoma's late goal.

Irvine is now free to find a new position

ALBION have reached a deal with Alan Irvine to terminate the former head coach's gardening leave.

Irvine, sacked last December by the Baggies, was still being paid monthly under the terms of his dismissal and as a result unable to seek employment elsewhere.

But after an approach by the club through the League Manager's Association, Irvine has accepted terms which will enable him to return to the game.

The Scot, who has been heavily linked with the vacant managerial position at Dundee United, said: "I'm delighted to have reached a settlement agreement with West Bromwich Albion and I'm now free to look for my next challenge.

"I really enjoyed my time being a manager with West Brom."

Marko score puts pressure on Sherwood

Villa 0 Stoke 1

MARKO Arnautovic increased the pressure on Villa boss Tim Sherwood as Stoke claimed their first Premier League away win since February.

The midfielder struck to secure successive wins for Mark Hughes' resurgent side in a deserved 1-0 victory at Villa Park.

The Potters' last away Premier League win came in Sherwood's first game in charge at Villa in February.

Arnautovic had already seen a goal disallowed in the first half while Charlie Adam's audacious 60-yard lob almost had the visitors in front.

But Arnautovic won it 10 minutes after the break as slapdash defending from the hosts cost them.

Villa failed to mount a response.

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Win could have been bigger – boss

Hyde United 0 Stourbridge 2

STOURBRIDGE eased to victory with a goal in each half at Hyde – but boss Gary Hackett reckoned the margin should have been bigger.

Karl Hawley and Matt Dodd found the net, the latter from the penalty spot, as the visitors dominated the 2-0 success.

Hackett said: "I thought in the first half we were excellent. It could have been four and that would have been a true reflection of the half. But it is a good victory."

The Glassboys were in control from the start of this Evo-Stik Northern Premier game with wingers Chris Lait and Dodd going well.

And it was good work on the left from Lait that led to the opener, his pinpoint cross picking out Hawley who rose to head powerfully past Everton loanee keeper Jindrich Stanek's left hand.

Defender Dan Scarr had a bullet header disallowed for a foul.

But the Glassboys sealed their win 10 minutes from time when Dodd goal was disallowed on the half hour for Stourbridge, his bullet header being ruled out after he was adjudged to have fouled Shane Killock.

Hyde improved in the second half but the game was put beyond doubt with ten minutes to go when Dodd slotted home a penalty won by Hawley after he was pulled down by Hyde's Ryan Ellison.

And while the Glassboys manager was disappointed that his side failed to add to their tally, he was philosophical about Scarr's disallowed effort.

Hackett added: "I'd probably be moaning like mad if the result had been different but when you win you overlook those things."

Team D is hit with illness as Shifnal take them down

Shifnal Town 3 Team Dudley 0

TEAM Dudley came out second best against strong opposition when they went down 3-0 at Shifnal Town in West Mids Division One.

They welcomed back captain James Hawthorne, but with illness spreading through the camp Jamahl Patterson pulled out in the warm-up.

Shifnal Town were keen to keep their promotion hopes alive with three points at home.Lee Clarke came back into the side, playing with illness and James Messenger had just shaken off a virus he'd been playing withShifnal came out firing, closing the visitors down at every opportunity and putting them under pressure. Dudley's best chance of the first 15 minutes was a counter-attack that saw Nathan Jones have an effort from 30 yards go wide.

The students held out for 30 minutes before Shifnal scored, Will Wells tapping in Sam Wilde's cross.

Toby Lumbard scored just after the break and the same player bagged his second goal when he ran on to collect Marc Lawrence's header.

Heathens now need new owners

Chris Van Straaten and Nigel Pearson

Speedway

OWNERS of Cradley Heathens speedway club have made a desperate plea for new management to take over and save it, announcing they are stepping down.

Chairman Nigel Pearson and club partners Chris Van Straaten and Gary Patchett revived the club in 2010 after 15 years out of league speedway.

But the management trio have revealed they are bowing out because of personal circumstances and other work commitments.

The consortium hope the club can be saved by new faces coming forward and insist folding the Heathens would be the final option. "It is a very difficult thing for us to do, but unfortunately at this time we cannot continue for both business and personal reasons," said Mr Pearson.

"It is our intention to do everything we can to allow the club to continue under new management next season rather than close the club down.

"I do hope enough people care enough about this club and step forward and take the club forward and that this is not the end," he added.

STOUR TAKEN DOWN TO WIRE

Stourbridge 22 Preston Grasshoppers 25

STOUR struggled for momentum in a stop-start affair that went down to the wire.

They were left to rue some big calls that went against them and points gifted by indiscipline to the faultless goalkicking of Grasshoppers' fullback Sean Taylor.

The visitors opened the scoring after Stour were penalised for playing an opponent off the ball, then added a long-range strike after the hosts were penalised for not releasing in the tackle.

With Stour looking to run at their opponents at every opportunity, centre Joe Heatley's break generated an attacking lineout in the Preston 22 but the ball was spilt.

The Stour pack shunted the visitors scrum backwards though, sharp work by open side Richard Pennock recovered possession and Stour launched a short range drive that was held up ingoal.

Crashed

No.8 Connor Nicholls drove from the base and loosehead Stefan Thorp wasn't to be denied as he crashed over from short range.

The visitors struck back with a further penalty when Stour winger Josh Trinham was yellow-carded for straying offside defending in the shadow of his own posts.

Stour's next attack secured a penalty goal for outside half Chris Scott when a tackler failed to release.

The visitors' lock forward Reece Tomlinson got to join Trinham in the sin bin when referee Sara Cox despatched him for a dangerous charge into a ruck.

Stour kicked for position and ran the ball, centre Joe Heatley was held up just short but a trademark show and go by scrum half Toby Handley opened enough of a gap for him to sneak through.

Scott couldn't convert but Stour had regained a 13-9 lead at halftime.

An early 2nd half Scott penalty kick extended the lead, then he and Taylor traded further successful kicks at goal.

As Stour started to build some momentum in attack Preston's defence shipped a rash of penalties, loosehead Oga Mabaya getting a yellow card when Miss Cox's patience ran out.

Scott's long-range effort gave the hosts a 10-point lead.

But Stour put themselves under unnecessary pressure, getting turned over running the restart from deep and shipping another Taylor penalty for delaying a restart.

Failing to learn the lesson Stour were again penalised for holding on as they tried to run the ball back from deep, and it got worse when replacement James Rodley was yellow carded for an innocuous-looking contact at the fringes of a ruck. Taylor bagged the penalty and Stour's 14 men were defending a four point lead with 10 minutes remaining.

Smelling blood Preston kicked for territory and drove, scrum half Harrison Moulding darted through some tired first up tackling and just able to reach out and place the ball over the line despite Joe Bridger's desperate cover tackle.

Taylor was never going to miss the conversion so Stour were suddenly 3 points down with barely 2 minutes left on the clock.

The quick reactions of Trinham secured an interception that was followed by a penalty award wide out on the Preston 22.

Stourbridge centre Joe Heatley breaks through Preston's defences during the match

Our season starts now, says Jackett

WOLVES' season starts here – that was the message from boss Kenny Jackett, who hailed the contributions of goalscorers Benik Afobe and Kevin McDonald.

A second successive 3-0 victory propelled Jackett's team into the Championship play-off picture, just a week after they were only three points off the bottom of the league.

And while not getting carried away with his team's form, Jackett expressed his delight at the victory over Huddersfield – and bemoaned the two-week break before their next fixture owning to the international break.

He said: "We've got seven points out of nine, there's the opportunity to do that in this league, and we're disappointed the international break has now come.

"The big thing is now our season is ahead of us and we have to keep building."

McDonald, who has withdrawn from the Scotland squad with a back injury, scored one and Afobe the other two as Wolves picked up their third clean sheet of the season.

The pair have both dealt with off-the-field distractions and been far from at their best this season, but played a crucial role in Saturday's victory.

Jackett added: "Maybe Afobe was distracted, it would be the case for any young player, it's tough, but he's been a big player for us and he's only been here since January. We think he has a very good future at 22 and he's really got his confidence at Wolves.

"McDonald adding goals to a very good game. His concentration's been very good and he's a key player. With Coady getting suspended and Edwards getting injured it's opened up the partnership again for Price and McDonald."

Frankie forced to drop out of bout

FRANKIE GAVIN has pulled out of his title bout with Stourbridge's Sam Eggington – after a car ran over the Birmingham boxer's foot.

Gavin was struck after stepping off a kerb in Aston a fortnight ago but said the injury had not healed sufficiently to allow him to take part in the British and Commonwealth title fight at the Barclaycard Arena.

Gavin was targeted on social media by Eggington fans for pulling out, but hit back by tweeting: "I am injured and not gonna be myself, so can't risk it. Sorry." The show will go on, with Eggington to face a new opponenton October 17.

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